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INTRODUCTION

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THE KETT FAMILY traces its ancestry to a remote period of history. It would appear that the family name is derived from the old Danish—*Vekell*, the sacred vessel used in sacrifices, and if this be true then we have a link with the ages before the Conquest. Certain it is, however, that the Ketts were living in Norfolk during the reign of William I., for there are no fewer than four references to people who may, with small doubt, be members of the family, in Domesday Book. Since the twelfth century they have settled at Wymondham, and from that time we have records of their unbroken succession stretching over eight hundred years to the present day.

Three hundred years of comparative prosperity were followed by a long period of persecution. From 1200 to 1550 the Ketts advanced from success to success, until finally they attained a position of considerable local importance. In earlier days they had been taught by the monks of the neighbouring abbey, a Benedictine foundation established at the beginning of the twelfth century. We find frequent reference to their activities in the fairs and miracle plays held at Wymondham throughout the Middle Ages.

The widespread feeling of discontent and the undoubted grievances of the peasantry during the reign of Edward VI. induced a prominent member of the Kett family to raise the standard of rebellion. The famous insurrection of Robert Kett in 1549 is too well known to call for any description here. Suffice it to say that the movement was quickly suppressed, and the stern hand of the law fell heavily on the heads of the unfortunate instigators. For more than a century the Ketts had to live down the memory of the rebellion, but in the end they once more established their position in the county. At no time were they lacking in courage—one of their number perished at the stake rather than recant his opinions. At no time did they fail to carry on in worthy fashion the

high traditions of Robert Kett. A branch of the family subsequently emigrated to the West Indies to be some of the pioneers of Empire in those islands.

With this brief *resumé* of the history of the Kett family, we will proceed to a few remarks concerning Mr. George Kett, to whose lifelong and devoted labours the present work is mainly due. He was born at Wymondham in 1836, the eldest son of his father, who had established a small business in the village as a wood carver. The elder Kett had been engaged on restoration work in several Norfolk churches, and after a while he removed to Norwich to repair and renew some of the stalls in the cathedral there. It was at this time that a Mr. Rattee was apprenticed under him, and later the two went into partnership to form the well-known firm of Rattee and Kett. Some time afterwards the elder Mr. Kett submitted on invitation a number of designs of wood carving for the new Houses of Parliament then being constructed from the plans of Sir Charles Barry. They were immediately accepted, and in order to execute them Mr. Kett, taking his family with him, proceeded to London in 1845. Young George Kett was sent to a private school, and there he received the greater part of his academic education. After an interval of three years the family settled at Cambridge, where definite business premises were set up. Many important restorations were effected by the joint efforts of the two partners, notable among them being the stalls of Ely Cathedral. Mr. Rattee died in 1854, but his widow retained an interest in the firm until her demise in 1866, in which year the elder Kett became sole proprietor.

George Kett began to work at a very early age and astonished all who knew him by his energy and ability. He was intimately connected with all the activities of the firm until his retirement in 1902, and during that long period his knowledge grew profound with the years and his opinion was sought for and respected by everybody. Business, nevertheless, did not entirely absorb his attentions. For many years he devoted his leisure moments to the pedigree of the Kett family. It became his "hobby." He accumulated a mass of MSS. relating to the subject, and, after his retirement from business, he was able, with the helpful assistance of Mr. Campling and others, to arrange the pedigrees for publication. It was not until the closing years of his life that the book was produced, and by that time his eyesight was almost completely dimmed. It is pathetic to recall that the old gentleman was never able to read the pages his loving and lifelong efforts had done so much to prepare. He died full of years and honour in 1914.

The late Mr. George Kett achieved the highest municipal honours in Cambridge. He was thrice Mayor of the Borough. For twenty years he served as an Alderman, and he had been a County Councillor. A well-known Cambridge celebrity, he was generous and courteous to a degree. His kindly sympathies won the hearts of all who knew him. His wife,

who was equally well loved in Cambridge, predeceased her husband by seven years. Mr. George Kett left behind him a name which is still spoken of with pride and regret among the inhabitants of the old University town.

The present volume, which includes the greater part of Mr. George Kett's researches, is the work of several hands. To Miss Marion Kett has fallen the onerous task of compiling and making extracts from many hundreds of manuscripts. With her it has been a labour of love. In the course of her labours she has examined many MSS., wills and testaments of Wymondham. All those relating to the Kett family were used in the present compilation so that it should be both accurate and exhaustive. Mr. A. Campling, connected by marriage with the Kett family, has greatly assisted the production of the book with his remarkable knowledge of genealogy and heraldry. His collection of twenty thousand Norfolk pedigrees contained many which proved invaluable in solving disputed points in the history of the Ketts.

I have been asked to convey the thanks of the authors to Mr. Frederick Johnson, brother-in-law to the present Mr. George Kett, who generously presented the paper for the present volume.

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THE KETTS OF NORFOLK.

INTRODUCTION.

The first Kett we meet with in Norfolk occurs in an old Chartulary of Wymondham Abbey in the British Museum, Titus C. VIII., undated, but said to be not later than 1300, and to be a copy of an earlier Chartulary. There are some dates to be found in it, and the last date before the following entry is 1225. Among other things it contains a charter of Robert, son of Ralph, son of Odo de Morley, p. 59B: "I, Robert son of Ralph, son of Odo de Morley, grant and confirm to the church of St. Mary of Wymondham and the monks of the same . . . . for the health of my soul and the souls of my father and mother and of all my friends and benefactors, the services of Hubert, son of Godwin Ket and of Katherine his wife, also a tenement which was Saxi de Morley's." Also land in Ridings Estcroft, Scorteland, and Horlecroft, etc.

The Danish origin of the Ketts is indicated in the name of Godwin, and the pedigree goes back to him. Having regard to the date 1225, it would make 1140 a probable date for Godwin's birth. It seems unlikely that any documentary evidence now exists that will prove an earlier generation. We have Domesday compiled 1086. From the scarcity of surnames in that record no clear reference to the Ketts of East Anglia is forthcoming, but christian names similar to those of the earliest recorded members of the Kett family have been found. They have been abstracted from the Norfolk Domesday and closely analysed. It is worth noting that the association of one group of Godwins, Hughs, and Huberts indicates a probable derivation from Toka, a "francigena" or foreigner (another word is used for Frank or Frenchman). This Toka was born about 960 A.D. These men were tenants of the de Morleys and the

previous holders of de Morley lands. The following pedigree is appended, for what it is worth, as being reasonably probable:—

Toka.....
Born about 960.

Godwin Tokesone.....
Born about 1000; held land at Wooton, co. Norfolk (246 b.), under Gert, from the King, brother of Harold, 1042—1066; also called the "Other Godwin"; Domesday, fo. 33 b., "son of Toka," Suffolk.

Godwin.....
Born about 1030; held land at Wooton under Godwin Tokesone, and in Panxford and Plumstead, co. Norfolk, under Gert, 1042—1066.

Hugh.....
Born about 1060; succeeded to Godwin's land in Panxford and Plumstead, which he held in 1086. Hugh also then held land in Morley and Aslacton.

Hugh.....
Born about 1100. Father of Godwin. (Early Norfolk Fine.)

Godwin.....
Born about 1140. Son of Hugh. Held land in Wilchingham, co. Norfolk, 1202. ? Godwin Ket, father of Hubert Kett of Morley, about 1200. (Early Norfolk Fine.)

Hubert Kett — Katherine.
Chartulary, Wymondham Abbey. Born about 1170; of Morley, 1200. His services were granted to Wymondham Abbey, 1200, by Robert de Morley.

Hugh. Son of Godwin. Ringland, 1228.

Ralph. Son of Godwin. Rackheath, 1202.

Hugh Kett. Born about 1200. (See Pedigree A.)

Robert. Son of Hubert. Held land in Morley, 1247. (Early Norfolk Fine.)

The Ketts were undoubtedly of Danish origin, the name implies it. Our earliest historical ancestor seems to have been Toka, a "francigena" or foreigner, living at Kettleston, formerly Ketteston, in Norfolk. Kett seems to be a shortened form of Ketill,* which was first used in the

* Vigurson and Powell's "Origines Islandicæ."

compound names of men. Ketill is sometimes contracted to Kell, as Kell for Ketill, Thorkell, Askell. The earliest Northern church law prescribed for women an ordeal of taking hot stones out of a boiling kettle—history does not relate what was the ordeal for men. A ve-kell or holy kettle was used in sacrifices. It is curious to note that much later one branch of the Kett family intermarried with the Kells, probably of Norwegian ancestry. We may put on one side the idea of the Ketts being identical with the Cats or le Chats, rather late-coming Normans, who settled at Hevingham, Norfolk. That the Cat Arms were annexed by the Heralds for the Ketts means very little; they probably thought that the families were identical. The "e" in Kett is found as early as 1225, and was probably always there.

If we accept this Danish origin for the Ketts, there is a certain virility and vigour, combined with a love of great adventure and an instinctive spiritual insight into whatever great cause may be uppermost, about some of the more prominent members of the family, which lends colour to the theory that the Saga might have been working in their blood.

They seem to have been extraordinarily ready to seize hold of new ideas. This was a characteristic of the adaptable Norseman as against the rather slothful, ease-loving Saxon.

The Ketts of early Norman times were undoubtedly bondmen, which means that they had fought against the Normans* and got the worst of it. That they were quick in throwing off this bondage shews a tendency to get back to the original level of freedom and wealth, for the men they sprang from were great landowners. In Norman times, again, they were inspired by the Regulars as against the Seculars. They gave their time and thought to the great monastery of Wymondham, whose Abbot was their landlord. They were certified by the Abbey, they were taught by the monks, joined the guilds, and were the ruling spirits at the fair, miracle and mystery play. In fact fines had to be imposed when spirits got beyond bounds, and rough-and-tumble riots often succeeded the festive church services of a Saint's day celebration. There was trouble in Wymondham, as elsewhere, about the somewhat too frequent observances of feasts. Much information as to the guilds is to be found in

* Or Saxons.

the documents in the "Wymondham Church Chest," published by the Norfolk Archæological Society.

Then came the Agrarian revolution, which in East Anglia seems to have been interwoven with the Reformation. The educative influence of these two movements brought forth Robert Kett, who threw himself into the breach to lead the people and help to right the dreadful wrongs of the toiling labourers.

CHAPTER I.

The following are extracts from the Manor Rolls of the Wymondham Courts to be found at Blickling Hall, Norfolk, in possession of the Marquis of Lothian, and at the Public Record Office.

They take us to John Knyght *alias* Kett, who died 1512, and who was succeeded by his nephew Thomas Kett of Forncett and Wymondham :—

WYMONDHAM COURT ROLLS.

1282, Aug., 10-11 Edward I. Capital pledge for Silfield, Hugh Kette.

1283, 11 Edward I. Richard Spurel surrenders 1 acre and a messuage to use of John Kette. 5*s*. fine.

1282, Vigil of Ascension Day, 11 Edward I. Alice Kat is presented for breaking her neighbour's fence.

Hamo Spurel surrenders 2 acres 1 rood 0 pole (2 . 1 . 0) of land to use of John Kette, to whom seizin is given. 9*s*. fine.

CHARTULARY OF WYMONDHAM MANOR. (Writing about the date 1300.)

List of tenants, Alan Ket, a tenant holding land at Potterscroft.

LETE COURT.

1284, 12 Edward I. Ralf Kat occurs, makes default to Norton Lete.

Emma Kat occurs, breaks assize of beer, Wattlefield. That is, she privately sells beer she has brewed, against the manorial law.

1288, Dec. 22. John Kette pays a fine for his entry into half a rood which he bought of Hamon Spurel, which he occupies, and which had been referred to a jury to decide.

1300, Sept. 8. Hugh Kete pays 2*s*. for a licence to marry.

1308, May 1. Margaret Kett is fined 3*d*. for not grinding at the lord's mill.

1324, Aug. 1. Hugh Kette (sometimes spelt Cette) appears for the first time on the Lete, as a capital pledge on the part of Silfield. Silfield presents that Margaret Kette drew blood from Amicia Teger. Amerced 6*d*.

1327, Nov. 11. Hugh Kette is a juror.

Court held Aug. 13, 1329. Margaret Kett has a licence to marry, the same Margaret prefers to be unmarried. Hugh Kett is her pledge in both cases. Fine xl*d*.

There is also an order to attach Sara Kette to answer William Ploket together with John Kette, who is excused at the next Court by Hugh Kett.

Court held Sept. 14, 1318. William Godefrey and Agnes his wife surrender a cottage, 32 feet long and 31 feet broad, to use of Thomas Kette and his heirs.

1327, Sept. 29. John Kett is fined 6*d*.

1332, Dec. 8. Thomas Kette surrenders to the lord a cottage, 33 feet long and wide, to the use of John (? Tiblike) and Alice his wife for their lives, and then to Amicia Tedger and her heirs, and he comes and receives the same, etc.

1332, Dec. 8. John Kette surrenders 1 acre of land and a cottage to

the use of Thomas Kette and his heirs, who comes and receives the same land, etc., saving the same to said John for life.

Court held S.S. Tiberius and Valerian, 1333. John Kette surrenders 2 acres 1 rood and a half of land to Hugh Kette and Matilda his wife, and he comes and the land is re-granted at an increase of rent.

1332. We find Thomas Ket at Wicklewood, a short distance from Wymondham.

Hugh Kette is still at Wymondham.

1343, Nov. 25. Roger Sporel surrenders to the lord 1 rod and 13 and a half perches of land in Silfield to the use of Thomas Kette and his heirs, to whom the lord grants seizin. 15*d.* fine.

1344, Sept. 21. Matilda Stroby surrenders to the lord 1 acre and a half and 2 perches of land, pasture and moor at Sporelscroft to the use of Thomas Kette and his heirs, to whom the lord grants seizin, etc.

1349, June 29. Matilda Kette surrenders to the lord 1 and a half acres of land to use of John Kette and Beatrice Kette and their heirs, to whom the lord gave seizin by the rod, etc. 6*d.* fine.

1349, June 29. Thomas Kette surrenders to the lord certain lands and a messuage to the use of Beatrice Kette and the lawful heirs of Beatrice. If she have none such, then it is to revert to Thomas's heirs.

Gryshaugh Manor, Wymondham.

1349, June 11. The lord grants to Richard Kettys 3 rods 33 poles of the tenement Spurels, to hold to him and his heirs by services, etc.

1349, Dec. 13. Matilda Kette dies seized of 1 acre "ten de ten Reyner," and Richard is her son and heir. He gives a heriot according to custom. It looks as if both Thomas and Matilda died of the Black Death, as that plague was rampant in 1349.

1349, Dec. 13. Thomas Kette held 2 acres 3 rods, and Richard Kett is his kinsman and heir. He gives a heriot. Thomas Kette is evidently dead.

1352, April 25. John Spurel surrenders a messuage and 5 acres of land in Silfield to use of Richard Kette and his heirs, and seizin is delivered.

Cromwell's Manor.

1379, Oct. 18. The Lord grants to Richard Kette all his arable lands in the town of Wymondham which are outside his park, and all meadows and pastures outside said park, woods and site of his manor there, together with all winter and autumn works, as well as sowing of corn, foldage of sheep upon said lands for six years from 46 Edw. III. 1372 to the end of said term, and to surrender the same in good estate.

Cromwell's.

1383, Aug. 1. Richard Kette, native tenant, gives a fine for licence to marry, 2*s.*

1397, Dec. 21. They present that Richard Kette of Wymondham and Hugh Kette his son, bondsmen of the Lord, have bought a piece of freehold land in an enclosure called "Kyngscroft" next the common way called Estendweye from John Guuvile, and containing eight acres. It is held of the heirs of Constantine Clifton by 13*d.* free rent per annum,

which land it is ordered to seize into the Lord's hands by reason of the above purchase.

We now have established that—

Hugh Kett.=Matilda, his wife, 1333. Died 1349,
Died before 1349. | probably of the Black Death.

Richard Kette, son and heir of=1. . . . . .=2. Margery (Bertelot ?). Holds
Matilda Kette. "Senior" 1397. | Wodehouse as dower. Died
Died 1400-1. | 1409-10. Married 1383.

Hugh Kette=1. . . . . .=2. . . . . Richard Kette, Junr.,
Married 1396. Married 1409. 1397.

TITLE DEED OF KINGSCROFT AT BLICKLING HALL, NORFOLK.

1397. Be it known to those present and to come that we Richard Kette of Wymondham, Senior, and Hugh Kette of the same concede, etc., and by our deed confirm to Richard Kette of the same, Junior, to John Gurney, Chaplain, and to Richard Knyght of the same one piece of land called Kingescroft, containing eight acres, near Wymondham, in the field of Silfield between the King's way North and land formerly Hugh Adam's South, and abutting land (Hardenhead) East and above land of William Attekar's West; and the said piece of land with its appurtenances was formerly Emma Gunvill's and John Gunvile her son. Having and holding to the aforesaid Richard Kett, William and Richard Knyght, etc.

WYMONDHAM.

1384, Aug. 1. Richard Kette capital pledge for Silfield. Richard Kette fined for stopping the water-course at Kingislang.

GRISHAUGH.

1393, Aug. 1. Richard Kette is capital pledge for part of Silfield.

CROMWELL'S.

1399—1400, Feb. 14. Tenants who do fealty to Thomas Bardolph, Lord of Wormesay, etc., on the part of Silfield, Richard Kette and Hugh Kette.

GRISHAUGH.

1400-1, Feb. 17. Silfield. It is presented that Richard Kette, who held of the Lord a cottage, 230 perches of land called "Kettes" and 1 acre of meadow of the tenement formerly Adam Ulf's, died since last Court, on whose death there fell to the Lord a heriot of $17\frac{1}{2}d.$, and that Hugh Kette, son of the said Richard, is his next heir and of full age, who takes up the said cottage and lands to hold to him and his heirs, etc. Said Richard also held two and a half acres of the tenement formerly Sporels, and a heriot of 3*s.* 4*d.* is paid by his son and next heir Hugh Kette, who takes up same, etc.

1400-1. It is presented that Richard Kette, lying in extremis, surrendered 8 acres and a half of land of the tenement Wodehous to the use

of Margerie his wife, who comes and takes up the same to hold to her and her heirs.

And the same Richard Kette also surrendered 2 acres of land of tenement Brokett's to the use of Richard Knyght, who comes not, and said lands are taken into the Lord's hands.

1401, May 3. Richard Kette, lying in extremis, surrendered to the Lord 2 acres of bond land of the tenement Brokett's in Sylfield to the use of Richard Knyght, Junr., to whom seizin is delivered.

Wymondham.

1409-10, Jan. 6. Margery, who was wife of Richard Kette, lying in extremis, surrendered eight and a half acres of land of the tenement Wodehous in Silfield to the use of Simon Bertelot and his heirs.

Hugh Kette.

Cromwell's.

1396, Oct. 18. Hugh Ket, native tenant of the Lord, gives a fine for a licence to marry.

Grisaugh.

1398-9, Jan. 21. Thomas de Tyteshal out of Court surrendered part of a cottage containing 3 acres half a rood in Sylfield to the use of Hugh Kette and his heirs.

Cromwell's.

1403. The tenant of "Kettes" in Silfield, containing 13 acres, is elected to the office of Provost. Hugh Kett holds this and is sworn from this year.

1406, Oct. 28. Hugh Kette, bondsman in blood, gives a fine of 12*d.* for licence to marry.

Wymondham.

Hugh Kette surrenders to William Thurston and his heirs lands in Silfield.

1413-14, March 12. Silfield. John Hardenheft and Margaret his wife surrender 3 acres of bond land of a tenement Sporell with appurtenances in Silfield to Hugh Kette and his heirs.

(It is interesting to watch the descent of Sporrells through the Kett family.)

Cromwell's Noton and Suton Jurors.

1413-14. Wattlefield and Silfield. Hugh Kett.

Hugh Kette surrenders lands one and a half acres to use of John Herdenhed and Margaret his wife.

Gryshaugh.

1421, Nov. 1. Silfield. Hugh Kette surrenders an inclosure and certain lands and a tenement (one cottage formerly Agnes Kett's, a good quantity of lands taken up from various persons) to the use of Richard his son, who is admitted, then said Richard re-surrenders to his father Hugh for the term of his life, with remainder to his said son Richard.

WYMONDHAM.

1417. Silfield. Hugh Kette, capital pledge.
1420. Hugh Kette, capital pledge.

CROMWELL'S.

1423. Hugh Kette, capital pledge, Wattlefield and Silfield.

1427, Aug. 1. Jurors present on the part of Wattlefield and Silfield that Hugh Kette, of sound mind, surrenders the cottage of Clifton with a piece of land on which is built Smith's, in Silfield, to the use of Richard his son, who does not come.

There is a proposal that it should be seized by the Lord of the Manor. And that Hugh, outside the Court, surrenders one acre of native land and the tenement Kettes to the use of Richard, who does not come.

1427, Oct. 28. The Jurors on the part of Wattlefield and Silfield present that Hugh Kette died seized of the tenement Ketts in Silfield, containing one messuage and 12 acres of land, and that Robert Knyth is his "nepos" (grandson or nephew) and next heir; he is of full age, and comes and presents himself and is admitted, and gives a heriot, etc.

GRYSHAUGH.

1440, Aug. 1. Concerning one acre of land abutting on Nelondmede of the tenement of Wodehous, formerly Hugh Kett's, which Robert Knyght unjustly occupies. Robert showed a copy which agreed with the Court Rolls by which it clearly appears to this Court that he shall hold the said meadow quietly. Nothing is received from the other parties. It seems by this that Margery, the second wife of Richard Kett, who died 1409, leaving Wodehous to one Simon Bertelot, probably a relation, was not successful in alienating her dower, but that it came again into the Kett's hands viâ the Knyghts.

We see that Hugh the Provost dies 1427, and that he had a son called Richard, but that Robert Knyght his nephew was his heir.

We must now go back to Richard Knyght who occurs in the title-deed of Kingscroft 1397.

RICHARD KNYGHT.

WYMONDHAM.

1379, Dec. 13. To this Court comes Richard Knyght and surrenders 6 acres of land with a messuage which were seized into the Lord's hands at the preceding Court to the use of John Knyght and his heirs, who is admitted, etc.

1380, Oct. 6. Richard Knyght gives the Lord a fine for the term of two years on the dismissal of William Rygald.

GRYSHAUGH.

1381, Nov. 30. William Crespyng, Junr., surrenders a preposture in Wattlefield containing half a rood to the use of Richard Knyght and Margery his wife and their heirs, to whom seizin is delivered.

1398-9. John Jolyff, chaplain, surrenders part of the messuage of the tenement Dekebeckys in Norton to the use of Richard Knyght, to whom seizin was delivered.

1401, Aug. 1. Jurors on the part of Silfield present that Richard Knyth, in dying, surrendered to the Lord two and a half acres of land in Silfield of the tenement Brockets to the use of Hugh Kette, who comes not, and they are ordered to seize the same into the Lord's hands.

1402, Oct. 18. Ordered to take into the Lord's hands 2 acres of land of tenement called Brockett's in Silfield which Richard Knyght surrendered to Hugh Kette, because said Hugh refuses to accept them. (He afterwards took them up at the next Court. Sept. 21, 1402.)

It seems very probable that Margery Knyght was the daughter of Richard Kett, Senior, as Margery's husband is mentioned in the title-deed of Kingscroft.

Richard Knyght surrenders 12 and a half acres and 25 perches of land with a messuage, a cottage and a way to the barn, of the tenement Dekebeks in Norton, to the use of Richard Beverych and John his son, Chaplain.

1406, Dec. 21. Richard Beverych and John his son, chaplain, conditionally surrender lands (moss and land and pasture), 12 acres called Dekebeks, in Norton, to Richard Knyght and his heirs.

1408, Aug. 1. William Vyrly surrenders lands to Richard Knyght (a purprise) of the common not built between the tenement of Richard Knyght at le Chapelgate in Norton, and his heirs, who is admitted.

At the same Court John Barrymouth surrenders to Reginald Knyght, and John Knyght surrenders to Richard Knyght, in Wattlefield.

1408-9, Jan. 13. Richard Knyght surrenders 2 acres 1 rod 0 perches land of tenement Jeffreys in Wattlefield to the use of William Colman and his heirs.

1409, April 19. Richard Knyght surrenders a purprise of meadow containing one rood of the tenement Jeffreys next the messuage of John Colman in Wattlefield to the use of the said John Colman and his heirs.

Wymondham.

1410, Oct. 6. Alice Beyn surrenders to Richard Knyght one half acre of land in Norfield in Norton.

Richard Knyght surrenders 1 messuage 12 acres and a shop and a pightle in Norton to the use of Clement Beynde and Avelina his wife.

1411, Aug. 1. Simon Blythe surrenders one acre land in Wattlefield to the use of John Knyth and Katherine his wife and their heirs.

1418, Aug. It is presented that Reginald Knyth died seized of 7 acres and a half land and meadow of tenement "Geofrey" Southwode in Wattlefield, and that William is his son and next heir and of full age. He comes and prays to be admitted, and is admitted.

Cromwell's.

1443, Aug. 1. To this Court comes John Knight, son and heir of Robert Knyght, to a messuage and 13 acres of land called Kettes, of which the said Robert died seized; he is admitted, and gives a heriot. "Salvo semper Egidie nuper uxori dicti Roberti reasonabili dote de et in messe. & terr."

It is presented that the tenement called "Ketts," Silfield, containing 13 acres of land, which goes with the office of Provost, is held by John Knyght, who is sworn in. And that Robert Knyght died seized of one messuage and 13 acres of land and a tenement called Ketts, and that John is his son and heir and of full age. He does not come, therefore the land will be seized into the Lord's hands.

John Kett, Clerk. Le Neve's Fasti, p. 386, vol. iii.

John Kette appointed by patent 18 Sept. 1437, vice Henry Sprisom. Pat. Rolls 16 Hen. VI., p. 1, m. 35.

Le Neve, p. 392, vol. ii.

Prebendary of London. John Kette, 5 April 1444. Pat. Rolls 23 Hen. VI., p. 1, m. 35.

Pat. Rolls 1446—1452, Westminster, p. 116.

1447, Jan. 7. Grant to John Kette of the Prebend which Henry Lever had of late in the Free Chapel of St. Stephen's within Westminster Palace.

1450, Memb. 17, July 27. Grant to King's Clerk John Ket of the Prebend held of late by Thomas Malet, deceased, within the College of Bridgenorth. This man was probably a younger brother of Richard Kett *alias* Knyght, or a half-brother, by the second wife of Hugh Kett, whom he married in 1409.

Wymondham.

1448. Land late Richard Knyght's and afterwards Richard Crisping's.

Cromwell's.

1448, Aug. 1. John Knyght is present in Court and surrenders lands to the use of Thomas Guneld, who does not appear to take them up. So they are taken into the Lord's hands and he regrants them to said Thomas Guneld.

1448, Aug. 1. Thomas Westgate and John Knyght are admitted into lands as executors of John Bratheweyte.

Silfield, Suton.

1447. First Court of Dame Joan Clyfton, late wife of John Clyfton, Knt., who holds the said parts for the term of her life.

John Knyght acknowledges himself native in blood.

Richard Knyght and John Knyght are Jurors.

Wymondham.

1449. Robert Luce surrenders lands by the hands of William Knyght. A tenement called "Skuttes."

Cromwell's.

1449-50, March 3. John Knyght surrenders lands of the tenement Aylmers in Norton and in Wattlefield at Westwade to the use of Nicholas Rede and John Broun.

Wymondham Abbey.

1451. William Knyght on an inquisition.

1453-4, Feb. 11. It is presented that John Gurney alienates to Robert Blakeney one free messuage with appurtenances near the Chapel of St. Thomas, formerly Richard Knyght's, and one piece of waste space near the house, formerly the house called Scroby.

First Court at Cromwell's of William, Bishop of Winchester, Willm. Gray, Bishop of Ely, John Ratclyffe, Edmund Blake and others, feoffees of Lord Cromwell.

1455. Among the tenants who do fealty are John and Richard Knyght.

Lete Court.

1457. Wattlefield. John Knyght, capital pledge.

Silfield. Richard Knyght and John Knyght.

GRISHAUGH.

1462. John Knyght on an inquest for Wattlefield.

John Knyght on an inquest for Silfield.

1463-4. Margaret Coft out of Court surrenders one acre one rood of land to John Knyght and Joan his wife and their heirs, and they are admitted.

CROMWELL'S.

1464. Concerning the Lord's concession outside the Manor to John Knyght, Senr., of a parcell of underwood near the tenements Swetys and Grovetts of William Appleyard. Rent 2*d.* a year.

1470-71. They say on oath that John Knyght, present in Court, gives up 2 acres 3 roods of land and tenement called Kettys to the use of Thomas Couper and Emme his wife.

GRISHAUGH.

1474, Aug. 1. Silfield. Thomas Forthe, present in Court, surrenders one acre of land and one rood of meadow. Margaret his wife is examined alone, to the use of John Knyght and Joan his wife.

1475, Aug. 1. Norton. John Swete and Thomas Michell, bond-tenants, surrender 2 acres of land and messuage to the use of John Knyght and his heirs, etc.

1477, Aug. 1. Inquest presents that John Knyght had sold to Nicholas Mekylfeld one acre of land of the tenement Braghtwheyte, and no one appears.

Later in the Rolls. John Knyght, John Davy, and Thomas Ward surrender to the Lord one acre of the tenement Braghtwey to the use of Nicholas Mekylfeld and John Bishop.

CROMWELL'S.

1477. A return of the tenants. Free and natives of blood. Among the tenants is John Knyght.

1479, Sept. 29. John Knyght comes and surrenders one messuage and three acres of property to the use of William Nell and Margaret his wife.

WYMONDHAM MANOR.

1488. A long list of tenants. John Knyght among them, 13*s.*

The Knight family seems to be carried far enough.

RICHARD KNYGHT *alias* KETTE.

WYMONDHAM MANOR.

1417, Aug. 11. John Hervy, out of Court, surrenders a purprise built, lying in Damgate, 39 feet long and 30 feet broad, built next the King's Highway, next land of Francis Chasle, 44 feet with appurtenances in Norton, to the use of Richard Knyght and his heirs. (He surrendered 1419.)

1417, Aug. 1. Elizabeth, who was wife of John Lyne, surrenders one acre bond land of the tenement Retherys in Norton at the Marlepit

to the use of Richard Kette and his heirs, etc. (He surrendered this in 1419.)

1418, Oct. 28. Suton. It is presented that John Dote, Sen., and John Dote, Jun., surrendered bond land in Suton to the use of Richard Kette, who comes. (He takes this up at the next Court, Feb. 14, 1418-19, and at this last Court Elizabeth, widow of John Lyne, surrenders to said Richard Kette other lands.)

1419, Aug. 1. Richard Kette surrenders one acre of tenement, Retherys in Norton, to the use of William Wyrly and his heirs. (He was admitted 1417.)

GRYSHAUGH.

1419, Nov. 11. Richard Knyth sells to John Sewale lands at Damgate, formerly John Henry's, and said Sewale refuses to take, and therefore said Kette prays readmission to the same, which is granted to him. (Note the Knyth and Kette.) (He took this up in 1417 and again surrendered in 1420.)

1420, Aug. 1. Norton Richard Knyght surrenders a purprise in Damgate, late John Harvey's, to Gilbert Spencer, who is admitted. (Spencer again surrenders, "languens in extremis," to Richard Kette, Nov. 1, 1421.)

1420, Aug. 1. Suton. Richard Kette surrenders 4 purprises, etc., in Suton to the use of John Sherwood and Thomas his son.

1422. Richard Knyt, out of Court, surrenders to Thomas Andrew a purprise built in Damgate, formerly William Hardenhed's, and he cometh not to receive the same into the Lord's hands, etc.

CROMWELL'S.

1426. Jurors of Noton and Suton present that Alice, daughter of William Mokelfeld, a native of the Lord in blood, has a daughter by Richard Knyght born out of matrimony. Fine, 2*s.* 8*d.*

1431-2, Feb. 14. That Richard Knyght and William Deye had sold to Nicholas Frith, now dead, a purprise near the Chapel of St. Thomas the Martyr without licence of the Court, though seized by the hand of the Lord. The said Richard and William come and submit themselves to be under the Lord. They are re-possessed and seizin is given. They at once surrender to Thomas Metyngham.

SILFIELD.

1435-6, March 12. John Glover surrenders 1 acre 1 rood bond-land of tenement Wyndout and 3 roods of tenement Newmans in Norton to the use of Richard Kette, which is delivered up. Richard Kette surrenders this in 1441 and again in 1463 as Richard Knyght.

1437, April. John Rikkes and Elizabeth his wife surrender out of Court, by the hands of Richard Kette, a bond tenant, on the testimony of Robert Knyght and Thomas Wates according to the custom of the Manor, ½ acre bond-land of the tenement Treyes to the use of Thomas Knyght and his heirs, who comes not. Ordered to seize, etc.

GRYSHAUGH.

1440, Aug. 1. Silfield. To this Court comes Richard Kette and makes known that he holds a piece of free land near Silfield in a field called Kingscroft near the way called Est End Weye, containing 8 acres,

and that the said piece of land he holds from the heirs of Constantine de Clifton for the rent of 13*d.* a year free.

1441, Nov. 30. Silfield. Richard Kette, in Court, surrenders 3 roods of land of tenement Newmans in Silfield to the use of Thomas Attewater and his heirs, and he is admitted. (Taken up 1435-6.)

Cromwell's.

1440, Aug. 1. Silfield. Richard Kette, capital pledge.

1442, Aug. 1. Silfield. Richard Kette, capital pledge.

1442, Aug. 1. It is ordered to seize into the hands of the Lord six and a half acres, parcells and one piece of land containing eight acres called Kingscroft, in the tenure of Richard Kette, and one and a half acres of moss in tenure of John Wadker that was purchased formerly by Richard Kette and Hugh Kette, natives of the Lord, of John Gunvyle, free by deed, seized by the Lord, subject to the Court of 21 Dec. 1397. Said Kett and Wadker show title at the next Court.

1446, Oct. 18. To this Court comes Richard Knyght and subjects himself to the grace of the Lord for 3 acres of land, the native tenement of Kettes, which he afterwards sells to Thomas Knyght outside the Manor of the Lord, who takes seizin.

1445, April 10. Richard Knyght *alias* Kette of Wymondham by this my present deed confirm to Richard Blakeney, Richard Feke, John Goorneys and Richard Dimon of the same a piece of land called Kingescroft, containing six acres and a half in Wymondham aforesaid in the field of Silfield, which lands and appurtenances with other lands I formerly had jointly with John Gurnay, chaplain, and Richard Knyght, now deceased, as in a deed of feoffment more fully appeareth. To have and to hold, etc.

Thomas Brokdysh, Richard Reve, Willm. Dyman, John Tyltyke, John Knyght and others.

Names at the Court of 1455:

Norton. Simon Blithe excused by William Knyght.
Silfield. Robert Knyght excused by Thomas Bernard.
„ John Garneys excused by William Knyght.
„ Robert Knyght and Richard Kette, capital pledges.
Wattlefield. William Knyght.

1455, Oct. 6. Wattlefield and Silfield. Presented that the tenement of Richard Ket in Silfield containing one messuage and thirteen acres of land should bear the office of Reeve (Provost) this year; whereof John Knyght holds a messuage and twelve acres and Richard Knyght holds one acre of the same tenement, and John Knyght is sworn.

Grishaugh.

1456. Sylfeld. Richard Knyght, present in Court, surrenders to the Lord one acre three roods of land of tenement Ulfys to the use of Nicholas Reede and John Langford, who are admitted.

1456, Oct. 6. Silfield. Nicholas Reed and John Langford, present in Court, surrender one acre three roods of land and tenement Hulves to the use of Richard Knyght and Isabella his wife, who are admitted.

1463, Oct. 6. Silfield. That Richard Knyght, present in Court, surrenders one acre one rood of bond-land of tenement Wyndoutez to the use of Thomas Plomer and his heirs. (Taken up 1435 as Richard Kette.)

CROMWELL'S.

1464, March 1. John Knyght and Richard Knyght owe for the repair of a style called Amys style in Silfield, 6*d*.

1466, April 15. Richard Knyght comes and asks to be admitted to one acre of underwood, which John, although admonished in the customary manner, does not come, but refuses to hold, even though the full Court testifies homage. He, Richard Knyght, is admitted, holding it himself and for Isabella his wife and assigns.

GRISHAUGH.

1465, Aug. 1. Silfield. Richard Knyght, present in Court, places himself in the Lord's grace and begs to be admitted to a messuage which he had left in the Lord's hands. And the Lord of his special grace grants the same to said Richard and to Isabella his wife, to whom seizin is delivered.

Deed, 1469-70, Feb. 20. Know all present that we Richard Blakman of Wymondham, Richard Feke and John Garneys remit to Richard Knyght, bastard, of Wymondham and to John his son, and to John Fox of the same, one piece of land called Kingscroft, containing six and a half acres of land near Wymondham, in the field of Silfield, between the King's high way on the north and land formerly Hugh Adams' south, and abutting on land formerly Will Atker's east, which piece of land formerly and traditionally feoffed to these people together with Richard Dymon, now deceased, and confirmed to Richard Knyght, bastard, by deed in which it is specified, with other things, that it is held to him and his heirs, etc.

1475, April 4. To this Court comes Isabella, formerly wife of Richard Knyght, and in full Court surrenders a messuage, and the Lord by special grace reconcedes the said acre and three roods of land to the aforesaid Isabella and Alice her daughter. Holding to her and her heirs. (Richard Knyght *alias* Kett is now dead.)

1476, Aug. 10. Richard Knyght died seized of a wood called Erwaldys and John Knyght is his heir.

John Knyght is on the inquest *ex officio*.

1474-5, March 12. To this Court comes Isabella Knyght, formerly wife of Richard Knyght, and in her pure widowhood surrenders to John Knyght, his heirs and assigns, all his right claim that he has with reasonable dower of and in a close with certain lands, whereof one acre late Roger Herberd's, one cottage late Agnes Kett's, two acres of the tenement Strobins, a vacant messuage, late Richard Sporell's, two acres etc., to the use of John Knight and his heirs. (See admission 11 Edw. I.)

1490. Silfield. John Knyght, Sen., and John Knyght, Jun., on the Inquest. (These might have been Knyghts proper and not Knyghts *alias* Ketts.)

Isabella Knyght *alias* Kett, widow, surrenders her right and interest in one acre three roods of tenement, Ulfes in Silfield, to her daughter Alice Knyght *alias* Kett.

1482. Walter Wadker surrenders lands to John Knyght *alias* Kett and his heirs.

Blomefield, vol. iii., p. 258, 22 Edw. IV., 1482. "John Knyght *alias* Kett was a principal owner here." (Wymondham.)

GRISHAUGH.

1487, Dec. 8. Simon Dyman surrenders to John Knyght *alias* Kett and his heirs one acre bond-land *ex parte* Silfield.

1489, Aug. 1. John Brown and Margaret his wife surrender 8 acres and 3 roods of tenement called Ulfes in Silfield, lying in an enclosure, to the use of John Kett *alias* Knyght and his heirs, and he is admitted.

Wymondham Abbey.

1488-9, Jan. 13. John Belyot, priest, sells to William Cadas a garden, together with a parcell of bond-land with a lease, formerly built in Chapelstrete, formerly Richard Knyght's and afterwards John Gurney's and later Emma Belyot's, in Wymondham, with licence of the Court and in their presence. And that same William Cadas is examined by the said John Belyot, Priest, about part of a messuage newly built, formerly Richard Knyght's, situate between a garden on the South and a freehold house of John Woodcock's on the North, in Chapelstrete in Wymondham.

1493, Aug. 10. William Cadas surrenders a garden, etc., formerly Richard Knyght's and formerly John Gurney's and afterwards Emma Belyot's, widow, to the use of John Daunday and Alice his wife.

1487, Sept. 29. Richard Walter of Wymondham and John Knyght of the same, who had enfeoffed John Irenhead, surrender two acres of land in the field of Brathweyt in Stanfeld in Wymondham, in two pieces, one piece called Nethercroft, between the land of John Knyght, on the west, and a piece containing half an acre in the field of Stanfield between land of John Knyght's on the east. And the Lord concedes to William Irenhead, son of John Irenhead, and Agnes and William. Fine, 4*d*.

Grishaugh.

1488-9, March 12. Sylfield. John Brown alienated to John Knyght *alias* Kett 5 acres of bond-land of the tenement Ulfs, in an enclosure called Ulfes, without licence, etc. Admission at Court 1489, Aug. 1.

1490, Sept. 29. Sylfeld. John Knyght, Sen., and John Knygh *alias* Kett on the Inquest.

1489-90. Isabell Knyght, widow, surrenders tenements formerly Hugh Kett's to the use of John Knyght *alias* Kett and his heirs, who is admitted.

Cromwell's.

1464, April 15. John Knyght, present in Court, surrenders one parcel of land, one acre in Silfeld, to the use of Symon Dyman.

1468, Aug. 1. Richard Feke, present, surrenders a close called Crosses to the use of John Davy, John Denton, John Fox, Thomas Couper, John Stalworth, John Knyght, Walter Gay and William Davy, members of the Gild of St. Peter.

1481, Oct. 6. They elect that the holder of the tenement formerly Richard Kett's in Sylfeld should act in the office of Reeve this year. The said tenement contains a messuage and 13 acres of land. John Knyght holds 12 acres of the said tenement and John Knyght *alias* Kett holds one acre of this tenement.

The said John Knyght agrees to hold the office and is sworn. It is easy here to distinguish between the two different men.

Wymondham Abbey.

1485, Oct. 13. On the Inquisition, John Knyght.

John Knyght takes up 11 acres for 17 years in Southwode and 15 acres in Wykatfeld; mention is also made of a piece of land by Stanfeld Hall. This seems to be John Knyght *alias* Kett by this mention of Stanfeld Hall, for this piece of land goes with that family.

GRISHAUGH.

1492. Alice Knyght *alias* Kett surrenders one acre three roods, Ulfs in Silfield, and the Lord regrants it to her and to William Mayhewe her husband.

WYMONDHAM ABBEY.

1500, Sept. 29. That Alice Botild, widow, holds one and a half acres of native tenement, Toleyes, formerly Thomas Boutell's, in Estfeld in Wymondham, and that John Kett, bocher, is in occupation.

1510, Oct. 6. John Knyght *alias* Kett distrains for land in Downham. It is evident that this man is the principal landowner in Wymondham that Blomefield mentions. His will is to be found in the Norfolk Archdeaconry Court, 1512, fo. 246.

This is the last will of John Knyght otherwise called John Kett of Wymondham, Norwich. My soul to God, our Lady and all the Saints. To be buried in our Lady's Churchyard. Legacies to the High Altar and for the repair of the Church. To the Convent of the Monastery three shillings and four pence to receive my body when it is buried. To the Prior of Buckenham 8 marks. Legacies to the Friars and Lazars of Norwich. To the Gild of St. Thomas the Martyr in Middleton, Wymondham, 12*d*. To my sister a close called Ulfis for her life, and then to be sold. To Isabel Hagon a heifer. To each godchild 12*d*. Residue to executor to carry out the will. Richard Gaton, Parson of Wrenningham, Thomas Knight *alias* Kett, Bocher, of Wymondham, ex'ors. Thomas Wends, Walter Hagon, Richard Mall, John Mall, witnesses. Dated 24 Aug. 1512. Proved 18 Sept. 1512.

Deed 26 Aug. 1512 at Blickling Hall (Easter, 1513, Court). Know ye, etc., that I John Knyght of Wymondham, son of Richard Knight, Bastard, formerly of Wymondham, convey, devise, enfeoff, etc., and by this deed confirm to Stephen Bovill of Wymondham and to Thomas Wende of the same a piece of land formerly Richard Knight's, bastard, my father, and John Foxes, now dead, by will and release to Richard Blakeney, formerly of Wymondham, as in that deed, dated 20 Feb. 9 Edwd. IV., 1469-70.

GRISHAUGH.

First Court of Edwd. Knevet, Esqre., son and heir of William Knevet and Joan his wife, formerly daughter of Humphrey, Duke of Buckingham.

Wattlefeld and Silfeld. Presented that John Knyght, otherwise called John Kett, who recently died, did before his death surrender to the use of his will certain lands to the use of Alice Mayhew. Now this Court finds by examination of certain persons that said John, not only by his will but by said surrender, did give and bequeath the said land to his sister Alice Mayhewe, and she comes and prays admission and is admitted.

Deed at Blickling Hall, 10 Nov. 1513. Know, etc., that we, Stephen Bovell of Wymondham and Thomas Wende of the same at the instance of Richard Caton, Rector of Wrenningham, and of Thomas Knyght otherwise called Kette of Wymondham, executors of the will of John

Kuyght *alias* Kette, convey, etc., and by our deed confirm to William Flowerdewe of Wymondham and to John Dyn of the same a piece of land called Kingscroft, of which piece of land we have formerly been enfeoffed by John Knyght of Wymondham, son of Richard Knyght, bastard, in his deed given 26 Aug. 4 Hen. VIII. (1512), to have and to hold, etc., to William Flowerdewe and to John Dyn. Given at Wymondham 10 Nov. 5 Hen. VIII.

John Symonds, chaplain, Robert Woodward, John Mannyng, William Sayour, John Mokelfeld and others, witnesses to delivery of seizin.

Deed at Blickling Hall. Release of Richard Caton, Rector of Wrenningham, and Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett of Wymondham, bocher, executors of the will of John Knyght *alias* Kett, deceased, of all claims to William Flowerdewe of Wymondham.

This might well be a cause of a feud that went on for years between the Ketts and the Flowerdewes, and which was certainly augmented by the Ketts being good Church people whilst the Flowerdewes were on the side of the Reformation.

1525, Oct. 13. It is computed for homage, by the inspection of the Rolls, that John Kett *alias* Knyght, Senr., alienated and sold to John Knyght of Funhall a purprise in Damgate, that the same John Knight of Funhall died before surrendering, and that after his death William Smyth and Robert Mayhewe, executors of his will, alienated the purprise to William Rowse, and that he claimed. William Smyth and Robert Mayhewe with the said William Rowse put the case before the Lord, and William Rowse is admitted.

Patent Rolls. John Kette.

1455, July 10. Grant to John Arundell, chaplain, of the prebend of Bridgenorthe, void by the death of John Kette.

1455, July 10. Grant to John Kirkeby, one of the King's chaplains, of the prebend within the free Chapel of St. Stephen, Westminster, void by the death of John Kette.

CHAPTER II.

Extracts from Forncett and Wymondham Manor Rolls. The Forncett Rolls are to be found in the Cambridge University Library.

We follow the history of William Knight *alias* Kett of Forncett, who died 1493 and was brother of John, who died 1512. Certain deeds relating to William and his son Thomas are to be seen at Blickling.

This chapter ends with the death of Thomas and a receipted bill for the candles at his funeral.

WILLIAM KNIGHT *alias* KETT OF FORNCETT.

FORNCETT MANOR ROLLS, CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, 1456.

Alice Silvestyr of Forncett sells by the hands of Thomas Horn, native tenant, and William Buntyng, native tenant, and others, 1 acre of land, Goodmanne's, and 2 acres in Forncett to the use of William Kette and Alice his wife.

1463. William Ket is conceded a piece of land 2 acres, formerly in tenure of John Buntyng, 2 before that of Richard Silvestyr near a field called Hallcroft in Forncett, etc., at the annual rent of 18*d*.

1465. Robert Walker surrenders by the hand of Thomas Horn, native tenant, by William Ket and others 2 acres of land in Takleston to the use of Beatrice his wife and Margaret their daughter. Robert and Beatrice swear fealty.

1486. William Kette is on the Inquisition.

1493. William Kett died seized of one acre of land of tenement W . . . . in Forncett, which he had on the surrender of Alice Silvestyr at a Court 36 Hen. VI., and one acre soiled land in Forncett, which he had on the surrender of John Davey, and 2 acres in the farm of John Buntyng in Hallcroft, Forncett. He paid 1*s*. 6*d*. rent.

And Thomas Kette is his son and heir and of full age, who comes and asks admittance to the said lands after the death of the said William, his father. And he is admitted. The Lady of the Manor grants to Thomas Kett 7 acres land, formerly demesne, formerly held by John Bynges, containing 3 acres, and one acre called Bellsfurlonge in Forncett between land belonging to the lady in tenure of John Brandon on the west and land formerly Henry Buxton's on the east, containing 3 acres of land formerly William Kettes, father of the said Thomas. Thomas Kett is seized of 3 acres of land.

1505. Alice Kette, widow, surrenders by the hand of William Buxton, one messuage and one acre, one rood of natural land, one acre called Goodmans with appurtenances in Forncett which she took up with William Kette, formerly her husband, on surrender of Alice Silvestyr *alias* Funhall, at Court, 12 Oct. 35 Hen. VI., to the use of Isabell Brett, widow. Alice and her assigns to be paid 26*s*. Sept. 29.

BLOMEFIELD'S "NORFOLK."

"William Kett late of Forncett had in 1483 a brother, John, principal owner in Wymondham."

THOMAS KNYGHT *alias* KETT OF WYMONDHAM.

FORNCETT ROLLS.

1492. Surrender by the hand of John Knight and that William Kette died seized of demesne lands, and that William Pylet sells to Thomas Kette 1 rood of land.

MEMO. PER MR. POMEROY, WYMONDHAM.

A conveyance of land in Forncett, 1506, by Thomas Kette to William Buxton and others, is now believed to be in the possession of Sir Francis G. M. Boileau, Bart., Kettering Hall, Norwich, who has recently purchased the land. (This Thomas Kett was of Wymondham, son and heir of William Kette of Forncett, Norfolk.)

COPY OF DEED.

Be it known to all present 1506, Oct. 10, and yet to come that I, Thomas Kette of Wymondham, son and heir of William Kette, formerly of Forncett, give concede to William Buxton of Forncett, to John Dannotte, to John Buxton and to John Davey of the same and to their heirs, 2 acres of arable land in Forncett in the field called le Wonge, between etc., etc. That these two acres of arable land with appurtenances descended to me by inheritance, and that the said William, my father, died seized of them, etc. Given at Forncett 10 Oct. 22 Hen. VII. (1506). Witnesses: William Funhall, John Lyncolne, Henry Bryghtere, John Wretteham, John Lyncolne, Junr., and others.

GRISHAUGH.

1490, Holy Week. Norton Alice Botyld surrenders to Thomas Kett one tenement called Bowtells, next Smallcroft Lane, without license, order to seize the same.

1490, Sept. 29. Norton Alice Botyld, widow, surrenders a messuage in Middleton called Stabbards *alias* Stanford to use of Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett and William Knyght *alias* Kett and their heirs (between the street Smallcroft, east; messuage of Isabell Masme, west; south, Abbots Kingsway; and north, Abbots Smallcroft).

William Kett, son of Thomas, was born by 1490, at all events.

WYMONDHAM ABBEY.

1493, Aug. 10. Isabell, formerly wife of Thomas Glove and daughter of Elizabeth Crosse, surrenders ¾ acre land and wood and pasture with a close and a piece of land in Daveyescroft of the tenement Davyes, to the use of Thomas Knyght and Margaret his wife. Fine 6*d*.

FORNCETT ROLLS.

1491. Thomas Kette leased the manor yard with one house for 10 years in Forncett.

1493. Thomas Kette leased 3 acres, 2 roods demesne land in Forncett.

DEED, 1506, AT BLICKLING HALL.

Know all present that I, Thomas Kette of Wymondham, son and heir of William Kett, late of Forncett, give, grant and by these presents

confirm to William Buxton of Forncett aforesaid, John Dancoke, John Buxton and John Davy of the same, and their heirs, etc., 2 acres land (arable) lying in Forncette aforesaid in the field "le Wong," which same 2 acres arable land with the appurtenances descended to me by right of heirship from the aforesaid William, my father, to have and to hold to the said William Buxton, John Dancoke, John Buxton and John Davy as taken at Forncette 10 Oct. 22 Hen. VII. 1506. Witnesses: William Funhall, John Lyncolne, Henry Brightere, John Writtenham, John Lyncolne, Junr.

Forncett Rolls.

1495. William Gallard surrenders 9 acres and 12 acres in Forncett to the use of Thomas Kett and John his son.

And Sophia Brown surrenders 1 rood "Godmannes" in Lakelston to the use of Thomas Kett and Margery his wife.

1500. Thomas Kett surrenders 1 rood in tenure of Buxton near Bradmead in Forncett.

1 acre 3 roods called Heywards Halle.

1 parcell land west of John Haughuis, formerly William Gallards, to the use of Henry Lincoln and John his son.

1501. He surrenders land in tenure of Thomas Daundly for Thomas Lincoln's life 3 acres, 2 perches, formerly William Gallards above, Kekylton in Forncett, to the use of Edward Gallande and John his son.

1505. He sells 1 acre in Forncett to William Buxton.

Wymondham Abbey.

1509, Oct. 6. The Lord leases his fee farm to William Symond and Thomas Kett, Bocher, Faldage in Norwood Field with a house called the Shepcote, formerly the farm of John Daunday of Wymondham, for the term of 9 years at 10*s.* per annum.

1513, April 25. The Lord leases his farm of 20 acres called Blerey in Silfield to Thomas Kett, Bocher, for 10 years, at the rent of 6*s.* 8*d.*

1519. Thomas Kett is on an Inquisition.

1520-1, Jan. 6. The Lord leases to Richard Caley 2 acres of land in a piece formerly in the farm of Thomas Kett near a wood called Byxland Wode.

1521. John Kett alienates to John Kedell 3 acres in Suton.

1522-3. The Lord leases a piece of land 20 acres called Blerey in Sylfield in Wymondham, formerly in the farm of Thomas Knyght, to Thomas Knyght, Bocher, and William his son for a term of . . . . years at 6*s.* 6*d.* rent. Fine 8*s.* 4*d.*

1524, Sept. 29. Thomas Kett, Thomas Knyght, John Knygh } On Inquisition.

Grishaugh.

1524, Sept. 29. Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett, out of Court, surrendered lands in Silfield field between lands late Thomas Reves, now John Knyght *alias* Kette, on west, etc. (which said Thomas had, together with William Knyght *alias* Kette his father, now deceased, on surrender Alice Botild, widow, at Court, 29 Sept. 1490), to use of William Knyght *alias* Kett, son of the said Thomas, and his heirs and to heirs of his wife Isabella, etc.

1525, March 25. To this Court comes Thomas Knyght *alias* Kette and surrenders messuage in Middleton called Stabbards *alias* Stanford (which he took up with William Kett *alias* Knyght, now deceased, on the surrender of Alice Botild, widow, at Court, 29 Sept. 1490), and the Lord regrants the same to Thomas and Margery his wife, and to Thomas their son, and . . . .

Wymondham Abbey.

1525-6, Jan. 21. Thomas Knyght. Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett.

Robert Woodward, out of Court, alienates to Thomas Kett 1 rod of enclosed pasture.

1526, April 17. Robert Woodward and Joan his wife surrender a piece of enclosed land, 1 rod, near Lagresse Close in Wymondham to the use of Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett and Thomas his son. Fine 6*d*.

1526, Nov. 1. John Knyght *alias* Kett, 3*d*. for default.

1527, April 4. Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett, bocher, surrenders one piece of land containing 20 acres called Blerey in Sylfield which he holds with William his son, by Court, 1522-3. And the Lord releases it to Thomas Knyght *alias* Keet, Margery his wife, and Thomas Knyght *alias* Keet, son of aforesaid Thomas, father, and Margery his wife. After their decease to be surrendered to Thomas their son. And Thomas, father, does fealty. Fine 20*s*.

1503, July 25. As by a Court held, Thomas Knyght *alias* Keet and William his son, and Thomas their father surrender to John Foxe a native messuage and 9 acres 3 rods of land, the tenement Toly near Grishaugh, formerly Walter Wader's, by virtue of which the same Thomas and William are seized, Thomas Knyght *alias* Keet surrenders, and it is re-leased to Thomas and Margery his wife for the term of the lives of said Thomas and Margery, with remainder on their deaths to Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett their son, and Thomas, father, does fealty. Fine 9*s*.

1527, April 4.

1527-8, Feb. 3. William Keet } On Inquisition.
Thomas Knyght *alias* Keet, senr. }

1529, Nov. 1. Thomas Knyght *alias* Keet, senr. On Inquisition of new lands.

John Knight *alias* Keet 3*d*. William Keet 3*d*. Fine for default.

Forncett.

1532. Thomas Kett of Forncett makes a compact about service with horse and cattle with the Lord.

Forncett Rolls.

1533. Thomas Kett alienates to Thomas Lyncoln 1 parcell of land called Hey Kerre in Forncett.

1534. Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett surrenders one field without marsh called Hey Kerre in Forncett, between the bank and abutting the pasture of Margaret Leseur towards Forncett, which he took up Thursday before 20 July 24 Hen. VIII., to the use of Thomas Lyncoln and John Lyncoln his son and heir.

1535. William Kett 3*d*. and Thomas Kett 3*d*. Fined for default.

Grishaugh.

1536, Aug. 1. Since the Court held 3 May 1536 it was found by homage that Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett, senr., died since last Court

seized of certain lands, etc., and that William Knyght *alias* Kett is his next heir and son, and of full age, which said William comes and prays admission of lands (which said Thomas had on surrender of Nicholas Knyght at Court held 1503-4, and to other land which Thomas took up at Court held 29 Sept. 1521 as his right of inheritance). And said William is admitted.

WYMONDHAM GILDS.

Aug. 15. Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1535, to same feast 1536.

BROTHERHOOD OF OUR LADY'S LIGHT.

Receipt ii*d.* on the death of Thomas Kett, senr. (for candles).

The trustees of the Guyld of Holy Rode produce an indenture between themselves and Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett of Forncett, bocher, 20 July 1537. (Norfk. Archæology, vol. ix., p. 143. It is a conveyance, and Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett paid "£14 and 40*s.*" for the same.)

CHAPTER III.

WILLIAM KNYGHT *alias* KETT THE REBEL.

[Eldest son of Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett the "Bocher." Hanged 1549 from Wymondham steeple.]

WYMONDHAM MANOR ROLLS.

William Knyght and Joan his wife, late wife of Peter Tylney, surrender.

Henry Langforth surrendered a messuage to the Gild of St. Peter, this was granted to William Kett, etc., with 15 acres to provide a priest to celebrate Mass and pray yearly for the parish church of St. Mary, Wymondham, for the good state of the Lord Abbot and Convent, and especially for the souls of the faithful brethren and Sisters of the same Gild departed.

William Kett is mentioned, as we know in 1490, as holding Stabberds with his father Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett.

WYMONDHAM ABBEY.

1511. There is an enquiry into William Knyght's alienating to Thomas Sare a messuage with certain land without a licence.

1511, Aug. 10. William Knyght and Joan his wife, formerly the wife of Peter Tylney, execute the last will of the deceased Peter. They surrender a messuage and garden in Norton of 3 acres, 3 rods, formerly Walter Nelond's, and two enclosures, Westwade, formerly in the farm of William Tonge, one acre three and a-half rods in Hevermore, to the use of Thomas Sare, Stephen Burrell and Thomas Reynolds.

Our Lady's Gild 1523 received of William Kett "for 2 small oks 2*s*. 2*d*."

1527, Aug. 24. Henry Multon alienates to William Knyght *alias* Kett 3 rods of land called Kyddyswydowes.

1527, Oct. 27. William Knyght *alias* Keet comes and does fealty for 3 rods of field free land, surrendered by Henry Multon, Kyddysclowrs. Fine 2*s*. 9*d*.

GRISHAUGH.

1527, Aug. 1. William Knyght *alias* Kett surrenders to William Colman lands which Knyght took up on the surrender of George Brown 1526-7.

CROMWELL'S.

1529, Aug. 1. (Rough notes on a fly-leaf of a book.) Thomas Chitteryng surrenders lands to William Knyght *alias* Kett and his heirs.

GRISHAUGH.

1530, Aug. 16. William Keet on an Inquisition. That William Knyght *alias* Kett and Robert Michels enfeoffed executors of the last will of Thomas Fransham, out of Court, alienate to Edward Cornewall all the property that Thomas formerly had of Joan Belle, widow.

1530, April 23. William Knyght *alias* Kett surrenders cottage and

land between Thomas Kett, bocher, on the East, which said William took up on the surrender of John Dynne and Richard Brown the executors of John Brown's will. 1 Aug. 1526. To the use of Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett, Sen., who is admitted.

WYMONDHAM ABBEY.

1532, May 1. William Knyght *alias* Keet surrenders by Thomas Michels and Robert Keet *alias* Knyght, native tenants, a tenement called Alexanders, near Tyngrene Hill, with land above a tenement Cattes, near a messuage formerly Robert Stallworth's in Norfeld called Sondepytte, with 4 acres tenement or pasture, formerly of the Lord's manor, in Grimthorpe, Westwade. To the use of John Scarndele, Henry Dyman, William Stokton.

1532, Oct. 13. On Inquisition, William Keet, Robert Keet.

1532-3, Feb. 2. Robert Ensynge surrenders 4 acres called Cundyte Close in Brathwayte, Wymondham, which Robert formerly had on the surrender of William Rochester for William Keet. It is regranted to William Kett and Elizabeth his wife. And William does fealty for it.

1533-4, Feb. 2. Henry Multon surrenders half an acre, formerly Richard Neell's in Harmermore, one acre of land in the tenement Galion, formerly John Felgate's, half an acre formerly Catherine Creek's, one acre formerly Margaret Spyler's of the tenement Galion, formerly William Multon's and then Richard Stallworth's, in Wymondham, which he held 21 Jan. 1498-9. To the use of William Kett, and afterwards William Kett surrenders to John Bale and Adam his son.

William Rochester surrenders two acres pasture called le Cundyte Entre, between William Flowerdewe's land Bromeclose, and abutting William Keet's called Cunwyte Close, which the same William Rochester concedes to the Lord to the use of William Keet and Elizabeth his wife.

1534-5, Feb. 2. Thomas Childerhous and William Kett surrender a cottage with a garden, between two other cottages of Thomas and William's in Damgate, and the Lord re-concedes it to Peter Brandon and William Keet. The aforesaid William Kett gives Thomas Childerhous 23*s.* 4*d.* rent.

This cottage Thomas and William, with Robert Dynne, formerly had with two other cottages, on the surrender of Thomas Fydyng and Joan his wife. 1 Nov. 1531.

1535, Sept. 21. On an Inquisition, William Keet, Thomas Keet.

Thomas Cheteryng, out of Court, alienates to William Keet *alias* Knyght, 8 acres of land near Grishaugh wood in Wymondham.

Comes William Keet *alias* Knyght and does fealty for a messuage with 9 acres 3 rods of land of the native tenement Toly, near Grishaugh, formerly Walter Wadker's, which the same William formerly took up with Thomas Keet, bocher, his father, now deceased, on the surrender of John Knyght *alias* Kett, 1503, July 24, and also a piece of land containing 20 acres, called Blerey, in Silfield, which he formerly held with Thomas his father on the concession of the Lord, 1522-3.

1536, July 19. That Thomas Cheteryng surrenders to Thomas Mortymer and Robert Keet a mill called Bardwyn's close, near Northwood Moor, containing 8 acres, abutting on Grishaugh wood, formerly in the farm of Thomas Laurence and before that John Jowby's, which Thomas took up 1518-19 to the use of William Keett and Elizabeth his wife.

1536. That William Reve, out of Court, alienates to William Knyght *alias* Keet half an acre of land in Sylfield in Wymondham.

1537, Aug. 10. That William Keet *alias* Knyght, out of Court, alienates to Robert Keet *alias* Knyght, his brother, 20 acres of land called Blerey, in Synnefield in Wymondham, which he formerly had with Thomas Knyght, bocher, conceded 1522-3. To the use of Robert Keett *alias* Knyght and Alice his wife. Fine xls.

WYMONDHAM QUEENS.

1535. William Knyght *alias* Kett does fealty for the tenement called Toly, late Walter Wadker's, which William took up with Thomas, bocher, his father, by grant of the Lord 1522.

1537. William Kett alienates to Thomas his brother.

1537. William Kett alienates to Robert his brother.

We thus have:—

Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett, son and heir of William Knyght *alias* Kett of Forncett; married Margery, daughter of Robert and Beatrice Wadker, 1465, Forncett (?).

William Kett, eldest son, who married (1) Joan, widow of Peter Tylney, wife of William 1511; (2) Elizabeth, widow of Thomas Gay of Wymondham, wife of William 1533, died his widow 1565.

Thomas Kett, jun., fifth son.

Robert Kett, fourth son, married Alice in 1536. The Watch and Play Society. (Found in Wymondham Church Chest.)

Item paid to William Kett 16*d.* for 12 pounds of candles for the cresset light.

Item paid 3*s.* to William Kett for wood and astell.

Item paid to the same Will. for piche and rosen 16*d.*

Item paid 16*d.* to William Kett for old timber.

WYMONDHAM ABBEY.

1538, Dec. 5. That John Symonds, priest, alienated to William Keet *alias* Knyght two shops in Chapelgate in Wymondham without licence.

1539, May 1. John Symonds, priest, alienates to William Kett two shops with a little place near the Chapel of St. Thomas de Becket in Wymondham.

1539, Oct. 28. Similar entry.

William Keet surrenders a messuage with 9 acres 3 roods in tenement Toly near Grishaugh, formerly William Wadker's in Wymondham, which he had with Thomas Keet, bocher, his father, now deceased. On the surrender of John Foxe 24 July 1503. To the use of Thomas Kett, brother of William. Fine 19*s.* 6*d.*

CROMWELL'S.

1537-8, Jan. 16. Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett surrendered to William Knyght *alias* Kett.

CHOSSALL'S MANOR.

Westwade Chapel. At the Dissolution it was given by Henry VIII. to John Dudley, Knt.; in 1545 he sold it to William Kett, and in 1578 it belonged to the Hospital, Norwich.

CROMWELL'S.

1542. William Knyght *alias* Kett took up on surrender of John Flowerdewe enclosed pasture which he had by the Lord's grant 1527 on the death of William Flowerdewe, his father.

1540. William Moore surrenders, out of Court, by William Knyght *alias* Kett and Thomas Knyght, jun., of Midleton, Wymondham, to the use of John Parson, William Knyght and John Sygar.

1549. William Knyght *alias* Kett took on surrender of William Mokelfeld part of a close called Lathesyarde, with a dove house on the same, and one rood of meadow in Silfield, which he took up on the surrender of Roger Neave 1516. Also a "placeam" called Campinglond in Norton which he had on surrender of Richard Fiddimore 1525.

1542, Aug. 1. John Flowerdewe surrenders to William Knyght.

WYMONDHAM MANOR.

1542-3, Feb. 14. William Knyght *alias* Kett surrenders a piece of land containing one acre one rood in Kydewylow, half a rood of land Nelond in Hernmore, which he formerly took up on the surrender of Henry Multon 29 Oct. 1527. To the use of Richard Howes and Henry Symonds.

Comes William Kett and Elizabeth his wife and surrender a close called Baldwyn close by Northwoodmore, 8 acres, abutting on Grishaugh wood, that William and Elizabeth formerly held on the surrender of Thomas Chyteryng 24 Nov. 1536, to the use of Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett.

CROMWELL'S.

1543. Richard House took up on the surrender of William Knyght *alias* Kett a half acre of meadow by Kedewillowes *alias* Harmermore, formerly William Chapleyne's, which he took up on surrender of Henry Multon 19 Hen. VIII.

1543. William Knyght *alias* Kett took up land of Thos. Sampnell, a parcell of meadow called Whitsers, which he took up on the surrender of John Cottingham. Afterwards it was granted to John Flowerdewe.

WYMONDHAM MANOR.

1545, Sept. 28. Comes William Knyght *alias* Kett and surrenders a workshop near the Chapel of St. Thomas a Becket in Chapelgate, formerly taken up on the surrender of John Symonds 28 Oct. 1539. To the use of William Westhaugh *alias* Cowper and Agnes his wife.

1547-8. Wymondham Church goods remaining in the keeping of William Kett. Certain ornaments.

Blomefield, *re* Kett's Rebellion, vol. 3, p. 223. "Robert Ket *alias* Knyght, a tanner of Wymondham, and William Ket his brother, a butcher of Windham."

Vol. 3, p. 258. "William Ket was of more wealth than the generality of those of his business, and could, as Stow says, spend £50 a year in land, and was worth in goods above a thousand marks, which is true; his family was one of the most ancient and florishing families in Windham."

CHURCH CHEST, WYMONDHAM.

1549. Latten ornaments and wax remayning in the kepyng of William Kett.

At the me of the Rebellion, 1549, there is a gap in the Manor Rolls.

A Draft Book, Cromwell's, 3 Edw. VI. to 1 Eliz., has been searched to make up the gap.

Court, 1550, Aug. 1. To this Court comes Elizabeth relict of William Knyght *alias* Kett by Thomas Gay, her attorney, and does fealty to the Lord for a messuage and curtilege, formerly Richard Kidell's, which she jointly took up with said William Knight *alias* Kett on surrender of John Male, John Mannyngand, William Male, at Court, 14 Feb. 1524-5. To her son Thomas Gay, who is admitted, and surrenders at once to . . . . Smyth *alias* Foulsham.

Wymondham Manor.

1550. And William Knyght *alias* Kett, cited and attainted for felony and hanged on Wymondham steeple, held by copy of Court a close called Blerey containing 20 acres, and was seized alone. Nevertheless they say that Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett, father of the said William, took up the 20 acres out of the manor called Blerey to him and his heirs for 6*s.* 8*d.* rent 1512, and afterwards, on 4 April 1527, the same Thomas, the father, came to the Court and surrendered to the Lord the said 20 acres, and that the King re-conceded them to Thomas and Margery his wife for the term of their lives, and after their death remainder to Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett their son, and that Thomas the father died. After whose death William re-enters and sells the same to Robert Kett, his brother, and Alice, Robert's wife, and that Robert and Alice afterwards alienate and surrender 20 acres to the said William, and afterwards the said Agnes (*sic*), wife of the said Thomas, died on Nativity of St. Andrew, 30 Nov. 1549 last. And that the said William held on the day of his attainder a close called Bellsclose, 4 acres and half a rood, in Northfeld, and a close called Sendells close in Silfield, containing 8 acres and a half, formerly Willm. Reve's, abutting on Newlond's close in Silfield, and land in Flower's Close, which he owes to the Lord, but is escheated.

Queen's Manor.

1551, March 29. It is presented that William Knyght *alias* Kett, who for certain reasons was attainted and who was hanged from the steeple of the parish Church, held at the time of his attainder a close called Bellesclose, 3 acres 9 roods and a half, in Northfield, of which 2 and a half acres of land Barkersclose, 9 and a half roods by the borders of the Abbey, 9 acres of field and pasture called Petits by Kedeswillows, and half an acre near the east of the Monastery called Barkersclose, formerly Henry Lovyk's. That in 25 July 1495 the said William Knyght took up with the land on the surrender of Edward Cornewall 2 Feb. 1530-1. Amongst other land a close called Sandell's close, containing 8 acres of land and pasture in Silfield, which the said William took up on the surrender of Thomas Sandell, son and heir of Thomas Sandell, 25 July 1537. Half an acre of native land, in a piece in Silfield, bearing the office of Chamberlain, between land formerly in the tenure of the said William and abutting on a close of William's called Newlond's close on the South, and on Endlesway on the North, which the said William took up on the surrender of William Reve, at the Court 1517-18, and 9 and a half acres of native land called Flower's in Downham, Wymondham. The said William took it up on the surrender of Robert Knyght *alias* Kett, his brother. All the premisses with the appurtenances they owe to the Lady of the Manor, and the Lady, in consideration that Elizabeth, formerly the

wife of William Kett, is weak and aged and in poor circumstances, and that she owes all her dower to the Manor, in consideration of a sum of money to be paid to the Lady by Thomas Gay, son of Elizabeth, wife of the attainted William, the Lady, by her special grace, by Robert Rochester will concede all and singular the premisses to Elizabeth and to Thomas Gay, and Thomas does fealty. And the same Thomas Gay and Margery his wife surrender 6 acres of arable land, part of the 8 acres of land called Sendell's Close, to the use of John Tytshal, and the same Thomas surrenders a close called Bellesclose, containing 4 acres, to the use of the said Thomas and Margery, and the Lady reconcedes the same by special grace.

Wymondham, Queen's Manor.

1551, Sept. 29. Thomas Kett, 3*d.* for default. Nicholas Kett, 3*d.* for default.

1551, Oct. 18. Newlond, James Kett on an Inquisition. William Kett, 3*d.* for default.

Cromwell's.

1565, Aug. 1. Norton and Suton. That Elizabeth Knyght *alias* Kett died after the last Court, seized of a cottage in Middleton, and that Thomas Gaye, her son, is next heir and of full age. It is presented on the part of Norton and Suton (as above) that Elizabeth Knyght *alias* Kett was seized of a cottage formerly Richard Kydell's, taken up with William Kett, then her husband, 14 Feb. 1524-5. And that Thomas Gaye is son and heir of said Elizabeth, and of full age. He is present in Court and asks to be admitted. He surrenders to Thomas Smith *alias* Felsham.

THOMAS KNYGHT *alias* KETT, Junr.

Wymondham Manor.

1539, Sept. 20. Comes Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett, junr., and Joan his wife, formerly the wife of Thomas Mortymer of Wymondham, deceased, and surrenders an acre of native land, Toly, which the aforesaid Thomas Mortymer and Joan took up 10 Aug. 1510 on the surrender of John Joby, and surrender a messuage with a piece of garden in the tenement Alysander, between the messuage formerly Robert Wyseman's in Towngrene in Wymondham, which the same Joan took up with Thomas Mortymer on the surrender of Robert Sterlyng. At the Court held 1 Aug. 1509. By the special intercession of the Lord, reconcedes all the premisses to Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett and Joan his wife.

1546, March 25. Joan Knyght *alias* Kett, formerly wife of Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett, and before that of Thomas Mortymer, does fealty for an acre of native land and a building and piece of a garden in the tenement Alexanders, which the aforesaid Joan formerly took up with the said Thomas Knyght, formerly her husband, now deceased (1539-40).

1540-1. On an Inquisition, Robert Knyght *alias* Kett, Thomas Knyght, Jun., John Knyght.

1545, Sept. 28. On Inquisition, William Kett, Thomas Kett.

It is presented that Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett died after the last Court, seized of certain native lands and tenements in this Manor. And that Cassandra Knyght and Elizabeth Knyght are the daughters and next heirs of the said Thomas, Cassandra aged 13 years and Elizabeth 11 years. And they come and are admitted.

Norfolk Archdeaconry Admission.

Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett of Wymondham died. Admission 9 Nov. 1545, to Joan, relict.

Episcopal Consistory Court, Norwich. (Register Bircham, fo. 130.)

Johan Ket *alias* Knyght of Norwich, wydow.

Made her nuncupative will and bequeathed her soul to God, and her body to the earth. To Alice Ket she gave a donge, a shete, a ketle, a possuet of brasse, a salt celler and a candlestick. The residue she gave to Adam Duggs, which said Adam Tuggs (*sic*) she made her executor.

Dated 20 March 1557 in the presence of Thomas Brother, Thomas Towse.

Adm'on committed 3 Sept. 1560 to the executor.

As we hear no more of Cassandra and Elizabeth, we presume they had a short if chequered career.

It seems that Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett, Junr., who married Joan, was son of William Knyght *alias* Kett, Rebel, because of the coincidence of the lands held.

Hubert Kett=.....
Born about 1180; mentioned in Chartulary of Wymondham Abbey 1230, at British Museum.

Hugh Ket=.....
Born about 1220; a tenant in Silfield, Wymondham, 1281.

Alan Ket.
Tenant of Wymondham Manor about 1300 of land called Potterscroft.

John Kette=.....
Born about 1250; admitted to Spurells in Wymondham Manor 1282 and 1288.

Hugh Kette=.....
Born about 1275; had licence to marry 1300.

John Kett=Beatrice, his wife, 1349.
Surrendered land in Wymondham Manor to use of Thomas Kett.

Margaret Kette.
Had licence to marry 1329, Hugh Kette was her bond; prefers to be unmarried.

Hugh Kette=Matilda, his wife, 1333; died 1349.
Born about 1300; paid tax for his land in Silfield 1332.

Thomas Kette.
Died 1349, seized of land in Grishaugh, in Wymondham.

.....=Richard Kette=Margery [Bertelot ?], had licence to marry 1383; died 1409; 1401 holds Wodehouse as dower. 2nd wife.
1st wife.
Born about 1325; son and heir to Matilda and cousin and heir to Thomas 1349, and succeeded to Spurells in Wymondham, Grishaugh; had a grant of land in Cromwell's Manor, Wymondham, 1379; bought Kingscroft in Cromwell's 1397, then called Senior; died 1400.

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- John Kett. Clerk in Holy Orders, Prebend of Bridgenorth, Prebend within the Free Chapel of St. Stephen's, Westminster; died 10 July 1455, Patent Rolls.
- Margery Kett, his wife, 1381. = Richard Knyght. Of Wymondham, joined in purchase of Kingscroft 1397.
  - Robert Knyght = Egidia, his wife, 1442. Admitted to Kett's in Selfield 1427 as nephew and heir to Hugh Kett; died 1442.
    - John Knyght = Katherine, dau. of Richard Wylley of Hockering, co. Norfolk. Son and heir, of Silfield in Wymondham 1489.
      - Richard Kett. Of Wymondham, Junr., 1397.
      - ..... Knyght, = mar. licence 1396. 1st wife.
      - Hugh Kett = ..., licence to marry 1409. 2nd wife. Born about 1360; succeeded as son and heir to Spurells and Ulfs in Silfield; died 1427.
        - Richard Knyght *alias* Kett = Isabella, admitted to land in Grishaugh 1456; with her husband surrendered land late Hugh Kett's 1489. Born about 1395, before his father's marriage; held his lands by grant from his father, but not as his son and heir; died 1476.
          - Alice Kett, mar. William Mayhew, and was admitted to Ulfs in Silfield; living 1512.
          - John Knyght *alias* Kett. Born about 1428; admitted to land in Wymondham Manor 1476 as son and heir; of Wymondham, "bocher," 1500. Will dated 24 Aug., proved 18 Sept. 1512.
          - William Knyght *alias* Kett. Born about 1430; admitted 1456 to land in Forncett Manor and to land called Bollesfurlong; died 1493. = Alice, his wife, 1456; died 1505.
            - Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett = Margery. *

* From this marriage all the Ketts mentioned are descended.

CHAPTER IV.

JOHN KNYGHT *alias* KETT, Senr. (son of Thomas and Margery).

FORNCETT.

1495. William Gallard surrenders 9 acres and 12 acres in Forncett to the use of Thomas Kett and John his son.

GILD OF ALL SAINTS', WYMONDHAM.

1510. John Kett elected a brother.

WYMONDHAM ABBEY.

1519, Aug. 10. Inquisition Norton, that John Foster alienated to John Kett, senior, *alias* Knyght, 3 acres of native land inclosed at Suton in Wymondham.

1520, Jan. 6. John Foster surrenders 3 acres of native land called le Gravelpitt, formerly William Brown's in Wymondham, who held it 1510-11, to the use of John Knyght *alias* Kett.

1521-2, Jan. 21. That John Kett alienates to John Kedell 3 acres 1 rood native land in Suton, Wymondham, without licence.

John Kett, senior, makes default, 3*d*.

1522, Sept. 29. John Knyght, senior, *alias* Kett surrenders by the hand of Robert Agas, in the presence of John Nelyng and Henry Multon, a piece of native land 3 acres 1 rood, with a gravellpytt in Suton, formerly John Foster's, to the use of Richard Kedell and Margaret his wife.

1524, Aug. John Knyth on an Inquisition.

GRISAUGH.

1526, Aug. 1. John Knyght *alias* Kett makes a conditional surrender of lands to William Knyght *alias* Kett (these he took up at 12 Hen. VIII., 1520-1, on the surrender of Nicholas Drake and Agnes his wife).

CROMWELL'S.

1529. John Knyght *alias* Kett surrendered to William Knyght *alias* Kett a messuage in Silfield.

FROM WYMONDHAM CHURCH CHEST. (Extracts sent to the Society of Antiquaries.)

In the Chest are several copies of Court Rolls of the Manors of Wymondham, in which some of the Gilds held copyholds.

BRETHREN OF ST. MARY IN CAPELLA. (Brotherhood of our Lady's Light.)

1528. John Knyght *alias* Kett, Jonas Kett, Senr., etc., are Members.

1530. Received of John Kett the elder 16*d*. payment for his coming in.

Received of John Kett the younger 20*d*. for the ferme of a cow.

It is clear from these entries that there were two John Ketts, the elder and the younger.

GRISHAUGH.

1530. Court held Tuesday, Aug. 3.

It is ordered to seize into the Lord's hands, two parts of a "purpresture" lying under the walls of St. Thomas the Martyr's Chapel, late Robert Walter's, which Henry Frosdik surrendered to the Lord. To the use of William Appleyard, Esq., John Wetherby, senr., Robert Chapleyn, Richard Denton and Thomas Lawes and their heirs, to the use of the parish Church of St. Mary of Wymondham, at a Court held 8 Hen. VII., because said William John, Robert and Richard are dead many years ago, and also because one John Kett and Robert Woodward unlawfully occupy the same, by colour of a lease or grant made to them for 10 years by the Church Stewards aforesaid, which was not made.

WYMONDHAM, KING'S MANOR. 34 Hen. VIII., 1542.

Richard Kedell alienates 3 acres 1 rood of native land in a close like le gravelpytt, in Suton, formerly John Foster's, who took it up on surrender of John Knight, senior, *alias* Kett 29 Sept. 1522. To use of Edward Cornwall.

NICHOLAS KNYGHT *alias* KETT OF MOULTON.

WYMONDHAM ABBEY.

1492, Sept. 29. Essoign: Nicholas Knyght, John Knyght.

1499, Sept. 29. That Nicholas Knyght takes up 5 acres of land from Thomas Deye.

1503. That Nicholas Knyght surrendered his land in Wymondham to Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett.

These entries refer to Nicholas Knyght, who was probably brother to Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett, who married Margery (Wadker).

1539, Sept. 20. Free and bond tenants. Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett and his wife, Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett, Senr. (He was dead.) William Kett, Robert Knyght *alias* Kett, John Knyght.

1542. Nicholas Kett fined 3*d.*, Robert Kett fined 3*d.*

1537. John Sherman and Catherine his wife, formerly wife of Nicholas Hogan, surrender land which Thomas Hogan and Alice his wife, parents of Nicholas had, that Nicholas and Catherine had out of Court 1496. And land Nicholas and Catherine had 1499 and land surrendered by Robert Hogan for life, and after his decease to go to Robert Hogan, gentleman, and John Sherman did fealty. Thomas Hogan married Alice.

Nicholas Hogan, eldest son, married Catherine, who married John Sherman. Robert Hogan, gent., second son.

WYMONDHAM ABBEY.

1542, Oct. 7. Inquisitors elect to the tenement of Roger Shepparde's, carrying with it an office for this year. Nicholas Kett is holding it, formerly Robert Hogan held.

1539, Sept. 20. Robert Hogan, gent., alienates to Nicholas Knyght *alias* Kett the reversion of all lands and tenements that were Nicholas Hogan's, his brother's, without licence. And that John Sherman and Katherine his wife alienate to Nicholas Knyght *alias* Kett all right and title without licence.

1542-3, Feb. 14.

At a Court held 20 Sept. 1539 it is presented that John Sherman and Katherine his wife alienate to Nicholas Knyght *alias* Kett certain lands and tenements, formerly Nicholas Hogan's, that John and Katherine held by the right of Katherine for her life, with reversion to Robert Hogan, gent. And that the same Robert had alienated to Nicholas Knyght *alias* Kett the reversion of all lands and tenements. That the said John Sherman and Katherine, present in Court, surrender the same land, namely, 5 acres in a field called Downham's in Wymondham, formerly Thomas Hogan's and Alice his wife, 9 acres half a rod that Thomas Hogan reconceded, 7 and a half acres of land in 5 pieces in the field called Byslondfield, 1 rod of land in Downham field, one acre of tenement Collyours, 3 and a half rods of land with a cottage, Burston, 3 and a half acres of land with messuage in the tenement Gyle, 3 and a half rods of land and one rod of field, half an acre of trading land and half a rod of trade land, Entbate, 3 acres of land, 2 acres of arable land and one rod called Codsclose in Wymondham, which the same Katherine took up out of the Manor after the surrender of John Sherman and Katherine, for the term of the life of the said Katherine, to which the aforesaid Robert Hogan agreed in Court.

1537, April 30. And lastly Robert Hogan surrenders by John Neeve, in the presence of William Reve and Robert Kett, native tenants, to the reversion of all the premisses. To the use of said Nicholas Knyght *alias* Kett, his heirs and assigns, and to Agnes his wife for the term of her life, and after her death remainder to the heirs of the said Nicholas.

Forncett Rolls.

1543. Nicholas Knyght *alias* Kett and John Collyour unjustly put their cattle on the pasture of Wakton called the Great Grene. Fined 20*d*.

Nicholas Kett has to pay 6*d*. for not supplying an essoign.

1556, May 4. James Bygott, gent., and Ann his wife (Ann Appleyard) surrender land near Woodhouse in Aslacton with a messuage. This said James took up from Alexander Chapman, gent., deceased, to the use of Nicholas Knyght *alias* Kett, who gives the Lord a fine of 49*s*.

Wymondham Manor.

1549, Oct. 18. De Nova Terra. They elect Nicholas Kett for half an acre formerly Nicholas Hogan's.

1550, Oct. 18. They elect to the tenement Keche, containing a messuage and 3 rods, "ad fac' offic." Pelham, this year Nicholas Kett, formerly Nicholas Hogan. It is close to Rymerscroft.

What this mysterious office was that went with this little place called Pelham is not clear.

Forncett Rolls.

1556. Nicholas Knyght *alias* Kett on the Inquisition. Robina Clerke alienates to Nicholas Kett 2 acres of land called Lymers in Multon.

1557-8. Nicholas Kett for essoign.

1558. Nicholas Kett on the Inquisition. Nicholas Knyght and Robert Hyllings are executors of Thomas Holling's will.

1560. Nicholas Knyght *alias* Kett died since last Court and before surrendered by the hands of Richard Cullyng to the use of the manor.

2 Eliz., 1560. Nicholas Knyght *alias* Kett died, and before death surrendered to the use of John Knyght *alias* Kett, his son, and Agnes his wife, lands which he took up on the surrender of Robert Clerke and Margaret his wife. Will of Nicolas Kett. "I give to Edward Knyght *alias* Kett my sonne, my tenement called Whights and land in Aslacton, lately purchased of James Bigot, gent., when 21 years of age." My sons Richard, Edward and Thomas when 21 years of age. And land near Woodhouse in Aslacton, taken up on the surrender of John Sherman and Margaret his wife.

CROMWELL'S.

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1560, Oct. 18. Inquisition in Norton and Suton says that Nicholas Knyght *alias* Kett died after the last Court held. He held certain lands as a native of this manor.

1560-1. Nicholas Knyght *alias* Kette died, and before his death surrendered land in the Manor to the use of his will. Now comes John Knyght, executor of same, and produces the will, in which are bequests to his wife Agnes of tenements, etc., in Multon, dated 25 April 1560, all of which land said Nicholas took up 4 and 5 Philip and Mary, 1557-8, on grant of land, and John Knyght *alias* Kett is admitted.

1560-1. Cromwell's, Norton and Suton. At preceding Court it was presented that Nicholas Knyght *alias* Kette died, and before death surrendered by the hand of Valentine Knyght, native tenant, in the presence of William Knyght and William Neave, native tenants, all his lands to the use of his will.

Will of Nicholas Knyght *alias* Kett. (Norfolk Archdeaconry Register, 1560-2, fo. 149.) My soul to the government of God Almighty, my body to the earth, to be buried in Multon parish church, to the maintenance of which I give 6*s*. 8*d*.; to Multon poor at my burial, 13*s*. 4*d*.; to Wymondham poor at my burial, 13*s*. 4*d*.; to the repair of Multon highway, 3*s*. 4*d*.

Agnes my wife to have the messuage or Mansion house I dwell in with the meadows and pasture in Multon for her life, she suffering my son John Knyght *alias* Kett to possess my houses and lands in Windham in a certain shrift called Downham, late Nicholas Hogan's, at her death. My said son John to pay William Knyght *alias* Kett his brother 40*s*. a year. On my wife's death my lands in Multon to go to my son William.

To Richard Knyght *alias* Kett, my son, my house in Wymondham late Hovell's when 21, and lands belonging to it and goods worth 53*s*. 4*d*. To Edward Knyght *alias* Kett, my son, the tenement called Whights and lands in Aslacton, late bought of James Bigot, gent., and my close called le Wong, bought of John Tyler, gent., when 21. To Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett, my son, tenement and lands in Aslacton, late John Button's, at 21; to son Robert Knyght *alias* Kett 40*l*. when 21; to Margaret my daughter, 20*l*. at marriage; to Elizabeth my daughter, 20*l*. at marriage. Legacies to servants and godchildren. Residue to executors, who are my wife and my son John. John Sherman, my brother-in-law, supervisor. Witnesses: Valentyne Kett, William Kett, William Neve.

Surrender of copyholds in Wymondham, held of Queen's Manor, late Abbey, and of Grishaugh manor there and of Multon Manor in Multon, and of Forncett Manor in Aslacton. Dated 25 April 1560. Proved 24 May 1560, by relict.

MOULTON REGISTERS.

1560. Nicholas Knyght buried.

It was for a long time a very open point as to whom this Nicholas Kett could be, and it is by strict elimination from other positions that he has reached his present one. He must have been the son of John Knyght *alias* Kett, Senr. He calls his eldest son John, but that again might have been after John Sherman. His wife Agnes Sherman was a powerful personality. The reasons, however, are many and subtle for the fact that he was grandson of Thomas the Bocher, and this, in the want of the early Wymondham Registers, destroyed by fire, can only be arranged by making him the son of John Kett, Senr.

JOHN KNYGHT *alias* KETT, eldest son of NICHOLAS KNYGHT *alias* KETT of Forncett, Moulton and Wymondham.

Abstract from Moulton St. Michael's Register.

1562	Mary Knyght, daur. of John and Rose Knight, bapt.	20 June.
1571	Cicyly Knight, ,, ,, ,, ,,	2 Jan.
1574	Nicholas, son of John and Rose Knight, bapt.	13 March.
1577	Samuel, ,, ,, ,, ,,	15 April.
1588	John Knight *alias* Kette was buried 4 April.	
1631	Rose Knight, widow, was buried 24 Aug.	

1561, Sept. 21. Draft Book, Cromwell's.

Since last Court it was presented on the part of Norton and Suton that Nicholas Knyght *alias* Kett died before said Court, and that he surrendered by Valentyne Knyght, a native tenant of the Manor, in presence of William Knyght and William Neave, all his lands to use of his last will. "I will that Agnes my wife have my Messuage in Multon for life, on condition she suffer John Knight *alias* Kette, my son, to possess my houses in Wymondham, in Downham Shrift, late Nicholas Hogan's, he paying to William Knight *alias* Kette, his brother, 40*s*. a yere during my wife's life, on her death lands to remain to William 25 April 1560, which lands Nicholas took up 25 April 1558. John K. *alias* K. comes and is admitted."

Wymondham, Queen's Manor.

1569, April 4. John Knight *alias* Kett alienates and sells to William Thornton, Kt., a cottage and land. John Kett comes and surrenders land in the field of Downham in Wymondham, formerly Thomas Hobbes, which Nicholas K. *alias* K. his father formerly had of Catherine Huggon, widow, 1 May 1561, to the use of William Thornton.

Forncett.

1565. John Knyght *alias* Kett, tenant of 12 acres 3 roods of Forncett Manor.

Cromwell's.

1570. To this Court comes John Knyght *alias* Kett, and surrenders lands to which he was admitted during the life of Agnes, late wife of Nicholas Knyght *alias* Kett, mother of the said John, as by the will of said Nicholas at Court 1560-1, to use of William Knight *alias* Kett, his brother.

FORNCETT.

1585. Robert Howlyn and Agnes his wife, formerly wife of Thomas Hammond, surrender by John Shepherd, in presence of John Knyght *alias* Kett, Senr., tenant of the Manor, John K. *alias* K., Junr. John Knight, Agnes Knight and Edward Knight swear fealty.

Will of John Knight *alias* Kett, 21 Dec. 1587, of Multon, co. Norfolk.

My soul to the government of God. To Multon poor, 10*s.*; to Rose my wife, £6 a year for life, and 200 fagots yearly for firewood.

To Samuel Knight *alias* Kett (bapt. 15 April 1577, Moulton), my tenement bought of William Cullymore and the croft, the long close and the new close to hold with other lands, lately bought, when he is 21. If he die without issue, then to my son Nicholas Knight *alias* Kett at 21 (bapt. 13 March 1574).

To John Knight *alias* Kett, my son, 4 acres of pasture bought of my Uncle Sherwood on south side of my house, he paying to Nicholas, my son, £50 at 21. If there is default of payment pasture to go to son Nicholas. To said son John the lease I have of my mother and all my other lands, and if he die without issue, then to go to my son Nicholas.

To Elizabeth Knighte, my daughter, £20 at 20; to Catherine Knighte, my daughter, £20 at 20; to Ciselye Knighte, my daughter, £20 at 20 (bapt. 2 Jan. 1571, Moulton); to each daur. a bed and bedding when 20; to son John my poster bedstead in the parlour, and a framed table and stool and a great table, my caldron, 2 platters and 4 pewter dishes.

To my wife all my cattle and half my household implements, the other half among my five youngest children; John, my son, shall pay to the children of Thomas Cullimore and Marey his wife 20 marks among them at 21. My said son John to be sole executor. Richard, Edward and Robert Knight *alias* Kett, my brethren, to be my supervisors. Witnesses: Richard Howlinge, John Hamonde.

Dated 20 Dec. 1585. Proved 13 April 1587.

MOULTON, ST. MICHAEL'S.

1588, April 4. John Knight *alias* Kette was buried.

Nicholas Knyght *alias* Kett married Agnes, sister of John Sherman; he died 1560. Will.

John K. *alias* K. mar. Rose and died 1588; William K. *alias* K., died 1592; Richard K. *alias* K.; Edward K. *alias* K. and Robert K. *alias* K., all sons of Nicholas.

John Knyght *alias* Kett mar. Rose; died 1588. Had children: John, mar. Martha Wixe; Nicholas, bapt. 1574; Ciselye, bapt. 1571; Samuel, bapt. 1577; Catherine, Elizabeth.

JOHN KNYGHT *alias* KETT, son of John K. *alias* K.,
Son of Nicholas K. *alias* K.

NORTON.

1546, Dec. 13. Nicholas K. *alias* K. and Agnes his wife jointly took up certain lands. Now the Jurors present that John Knyght, deceased, was son and heir of said Nicholas, and that John Knight is the son and heir of the said John, who present in Court prays admission to the reversion of said premisses on the death of said Agnes and he is admitted, and the said Agnes surrendered all her lands to the said John, who is admitted.

FORNCETT.

1603. John Kett *alias* Knyght, Inquisitor.

GRISHAUGH.

1607. To this Court come John Knight *alias* Kett and Martha his wife and Robert Wike, and surrender to the Lord one acre of land, which said John formerly had and took up after the death of Nicholas Knyght his grandfather, on surrender of Agnes Kett, to use of Robert Kett, his heirs and assigns.

1614-15. It is presented that Richard Knyght *alias* Kett on Nov. 1614 surrendered a tenement in Tounegrene called Rethers, with appurtenances, to the use of John Kett of Moulton and his heirs (on condition).

1615. Since last Court it was found that Richard Knight *alias* Kett made a conditional surrender to John K. *alias* K. of Moulton (money to be paid at the house of Richard K. *alias* K. at Debenham, co. Suffolk). Now comes said John Kett and prays admission, and he is admitted.

MOULTON, ST. MICHAEL.

1624, Aug. 10. John Knighte buried.

EXTRACTS FROM MOULTON REGISTERS. (Baptisms.)

1591	John Knighte, son of John Knighte, bapt. 16 Sept.				
1589	Barbara Knighte, dau. of John Knighte, bapt. 7 Sept.				
1593	Tymothy Knighte, son	,,	,,	,,	12 Aug.
1595	Nicholas Knighte, son	,,	,,	,,	7 Sept.
1598	Elizabeth Knighte, dau.	,,	,,	,,	16 June.
1600	Robert Knighte, son	,,	,,	,,	29 June.
1602	Agnes Knighte, dau.	,,	,,	,,	31 Oct.

GRISHAUGH.

1633, Jan. 9. John Knight *alias* Kett on 15 Nov. last surrendered lands to John Howlinge, which said Knight had 13 Oct. 4 Chas., 1628, by right of inheritance, on the death of Richard Kett of Debenham.

1635, Aug. John Knight *alias* Kett and Theodora his wife surrender land to William Payne, gent., which said John took up 13 Oct. 4 Chas., 1628, by right of inheritance, on the death of Richard Kett (see will of Richard Kett of Debenham 1628).

WILLIAM KNYGHT *alias* KETT, son of Nicholas Kett.

WYMONDHAM, QUEEN'S.

1577, April 4. Comes John Jowell and surrenders divers lands in Byslandfeld, land between Robert Hobbes above John Harvey's one and a half acres with tenement Stevens in Hungate, which John Jowell took up 1576-7, to use of William Kett, Junior.

1580, Oct. 17. Come Robert Yolle and Katherine his wife and surrender 4 acres native land in a field called Withfield and Bysteland in Wymondham, which Robert and Katherine took up on surrender of Thomas Payne and 12 acres in Downham, formerly Metyngham, which Robert Yolle formerly had on surrender of John Hyllson 1556-7, to use of William Knyght *alias* Kett, Junr., yeoman. The same William is admitted and does fealty.

1583, April 4. Comes George Love, customary tenant, and surrenders in presence of William Kette, Junr., and Richard Howes.

WYMONDHAM.

1583. William Kett, Junr., on messuage in Wymondham.

WYMONDHAM, QUEEN'S.

1585, April 14. Arthur William *alias* Knyvet and Marie his wife surrender half an acre and half a rod, a piece of a tenement, formerly Walter Rybald's in Byslandfield, formerly Anne Peasacre, to use of William Knyght *alias* Kett of Downham.

1586, April 11. William Kett of Downham, Essoign.

GRISHAUGH.

1595. Recites Nicholas Knyght *alias* Kette had been dead some time, and before he died he surrendered to use of his will certain lands which he took up 13 Dec. 1540 on surrender of Robert Hogan, gentleman, whose will dated 25 April 1560; he left said lands to his son William after the death of his wife Agnes, and said William likewise died some years ago, never having taken up the said lands. Now comes Robert Kett, son and next heir of William, and prays admission and is admitted.

Will of William Kett called Junior, of Wymondham, Norfolk, yeoman, son of Nicholas Kett of Moulton.

To Agnes his wife, messuage in Wymondham for her life, and land, late my father Nicholas Kett's, then to my son Robert; son Robert under 24; Margaret, Agnes, Catherine, Elizabeth and Mary Kett, daus., £30 to each; to Nicholas Kett, nephew, son of my brother Robert Kett, when 30. Agnes, wife, sole executrix, and if she die or refuse, daughters Margaret and Agnes to act. Brother Robert Kett to help wife. Witnesses: Robert Cullyer, Ralph Fyllinge, Richard Cullyer, Stephen Nevell, John Sadd, Valentine Kett, Robert Tolye.

MEMO.: That on 22 May 1593 Agnes Kett the relict refused to act as executor and appointed the daughters instead, in the presence of Arthur Williams and Robert Whelpsdall. Dated 9 Dec. 1592. Proved 22 March 1594-5 by daughter Margaret, power reserved to Agnes. Consistory Court 1594-5, fo. 315.

GRISHAUGH.

1592-3. The Homage present the death of William Kett, who holds certain free and bond lands and who surrenders to the use of his will before he died. No one comes to take it up. Proclamation made the first time.

First Court of Dame Katherine Knivett, relict of Thomas Knivett, Knt., held 27 Aug. 1595. Presented that William Knight *alias* Kett, Junr., has been dead some years past, and that he died seized of certain lands which he took up 29 Sept. 1590 on surrender of Robert Yoll, and that Robert Knight *alias* Kett is his next heir and aged 14 years and more, who is present and prays admission, and is admitted 29 Sept. 1590.

NORTON.

1606, June 17. Some time since it was presented that William Kett died and that Robert Kett was son and heir; he is now of full age, and is admitted to lands which said William took up on surrender of Robert Yole 1590, and Robert Kett at once surrendered to Edmunde Ducke.

Chancery Proceedings, Queen Elizabeth, K. 3, 45, 1596.

Robert Kett, sonne of William Kett, late of Wymondham by Henry Clare his guardian. The said William Kett, 32 Eliz. 1590, upon account between him and Robert Kett of Norwich, grocer, his brother, was found to owe the said brother £140 and could not pay. In 1592 it was agreed William should assure his lands in Wymondham to Robert Kett. William Partriche, scrivener, assured more lands than was intended. Robert assured his brother Robert, in sickness, that he would take no advantage of this assurance. William Kett, relying on his honest performance of the same, made his last will Dec. 1592, and devised his Wymondham lands to his brother Robert, until Robert Kett, William's son, being then 12 years of age only, should be 24. This towards the payment of his debts, and then he died.

A question of accounts arose, trees were felled, moneys withheld. Legacies to Margaret, Agnes, Elizabeth, Katherine and Mary Kett, daughters of William, were not paid. Margaret and Katherine were married long ago. Disinheritance of your Orator.

In the Answer, Robert Kett, the grocer, speaks of Valentine Kett as "a manne for many evills very infamous," but we must remember these are only the amenities of a Chancery Suit. He speaks of Richard Kett of Beeson, Loye Kett of Framingham, being "the nerest kinsman and best friends of Complaynant."

Chancery Proceedings, Queen Elizabeth, L. 2, 45, A. 1597.

Robert Kett, the sonne and heire of William Kett, late of Wymondham, co. Norfolk, deceased, by Henry Clare of Wymondham, Esq., his guardian. One Nicholas Kett, late of Moulton in the said county, deceased, was seized in lands, copyhold, of divers manors in Wymondham, called Grishaugh and Cromwells. By his will dated 20 April 1560, he gave his copyholds in Downham, in Shefles, in Wymondham, to the said William Kett, his son, Orator's father, and his heirs, and the rest of the land unto Richard Kett his son. Testator surrendered his lands by the hands of Valentyne Kett, then bond-tenant of the said manors, in the presence of William Kett the elder, and William Neve, unto the use of his will. But the Steward of the Manor of Grishaugh did not enter the surrender, as it was presented, by which omission one John Kett, son and heir of said Nicholas Kett and brother of William, entered into the same. Controversy between John and William—mediation of friends—and agreement made that William is to pay John his brother £50. The father omitted to come into Court; now one John Kett of Moulton, eldest son of said John, has entered into 7 acres and claims the same.

Answer of John Kett, the defendant. One Agnes Kett, then wife of the said Nicholas, was jointly seized of all lands, with remainder to the right heirs of the said William. John Kett, the eldest son, and father of the defendant, being so seized at the Court held 38 Eliz., this defendant was admitted to the reversion of the said 7 acres, and the £50 paid to the said father was for a tenement and for rights in other lands.

Chancery Bill, K. 22-23.

To the Rt. Hon. Thos. Egerton. Your Orator Robert Kett, son of William Kett, late of Wymondham, by Henry Clare, Esq., of Wymondham.

That William Kett about 30 Eliz. concerning an account between him and one Robert Kett of Norwich, grocer, his brother, was found indebted to £140. Not able to pay, he agreed to pay £50 yearly to £220, to begin 1592, and he should mortgage lands in Wymondham. William possessed great trust in Robert, but Robert, intending purposely to deceive William Kett of lands, combined with William Partrich, late of Norwich, a man of hard conscience, to whom, notwithstanding agreement, Partrich mortgaged other tenements and lands and made conveyance of all lands and tenements of William Kett to Robert Kett, his heirs and assigns. For some time William refused, but on Robert's promise that he did not mean to keep the lands when the debt was paid, agreed. In 1592 he paid his £50, and fell grievously sick. He sent for Robert and instantly desired him to deliver the deed to him, William, or to some of his friends. Robert refused, but said he would not take advantage of residue, £170. William, relying on his honest performance, made his will Dec. 1592, and devised his free lands to his executors until Robert Kett, his son, came of age. William died at Wymondham, being at the time of death in possession of freehold lands, and taking profit thereof. Notwithstanding the promises of Robert Kett, there was owing only £170. The lands are worth £30 a year rent and 1000 marks sold. At the death of William Kett, Robert, his brother, took possession of lands and sold as much wood and timber as amounted to £100. Michaelmas 1595, there was tendered £50 more. Robert Kett refused to accept. In 1596 there should have been £20, last payment, but it was not paid because of Robert Kett and Nicholas Hearne's subtle devices. Executors are ordered to give up rights in lands till Orator was 20. Robert Kett got possession and took profits. Legacies were unperformed. Margaret, Agnes, Elizabeth and Mary were by will to have £30 apiece. Margaret and Katherine were married long ago. Orator was disinherited and his lands wasted and spoiled. William paid a certain sum of money for the debt of Robert Assey, his brother-in-law, in consideration one Walter Assey, father of Robert Assey, did convey an estate of 7 acres to Robert Kett of Norwich, and his brother Robert hath offered it many times to be sold. Whereas one Nicholas Kett, grandfather of your Orator, did in his last will deliver copyhold land in Wymondham to William Kett and his heirs, in consideration that Agnes Kett, the wife of Nicholas, should not meddle or deal with the said lands and tenements in Debenham (Downham), gave Agnes other lands and tenements in Moulton, being of greater value than the lands in Downham shift. Whereof the said Agnes Kett hath preserved the rent ever since the death of Nicholas, her husband, being about the space of 37 years and upwards, yet, nevertheless, the said Nicholas Herne and Robert Kett hath paid one Thomas Simpson, gent., steward of the Manor of her Majesty at Wymondham, for the sum of 20 marks over the accustomed use, by the same T. Simpson, by collony (*sic*) of some title unknown to Orator, did admit him at death of Agnes Kett to all said lands in Downham holden of her Majesty. Robert Kett and Nicholas Herne have gotten the use of and disposed of same lands contrary to equity, because they were conveyed to Robert Kett in trust to use of said William Kett. Agnes Kett is admitted to copyhold land at Downham, held of the Queen's manor, contrary to the will of Nicholas Kett.

St. Andrew's Register, Norwich.

Robert, son of Robt. Kett *alias* Knight, bapt. 28 Sept. 1583; died 1584.
Nicholas, son of Robt. Kett *alias* Knight, bapt. 7 Jan. 1585.
Roger " " " " " 11 March 1592.

Chancery Proceedings, Eliz. and Chas., K. 13-14. Date 1598.

Bills and Answers. Robert Kett, nephew, *v.* Robert Kett, uncle.

3. Were not part of the lands Nicholas Kett's, William's father, and part Thomas Kett's purchased by William and called Bixland, and the other part purchased by William of one Yulle?

5. Part freehold, part copyhold?

7. What do you know of the claim of Thomas Kett and Richard his son, and Thomas his other son, brother to Richard?

9. William was imprisoned and in execution for debt.

20. Have you heard that soon after an agreement was come to by Agnes Kett, widow of William, and Robert Kett her brother-in-law, that by means of one Valentine Kett and his son they were like to disagree?

26. Robert Kett the son of Valentine Kett.

29. Whether Richard Kett and Loye Kett his brother were near kinsmen of Complainants?

Witness: William Ladyman of Morley, husbandman, aged 54. Lands were worth £50 rent. He knows Richard Kett and Loye Kett to be kindred to Complainant, but in what degree he knoweth not.

He saw Robert Kett, defendant, within half a year of the death of William, Robert's brother, preparing a gap to carry wood out of the land, sometime William Kett's, and resisted by Agnes Kett and one Robert Kett the son of Valentine Kett. Agnes did strike Defendant. Richard and Loye Kett are of equal credit and discretion with the best.

Loye Kett of Framingham Pigot, co. Norfolk, aged 64, saith that at the special instance and request of Robert Kett, son of Valentine Kett, who married one of the daughters and executrixes of William Kett, deceased, he helped to make an award with Richard Kett his brother. The abilities of Robert Kett, son of Valentine and Agnes Kett, daughter of William, be very weak, therefore he, William, did not appoint them to have the disposition of the lands.

Mary Kett, wife of Robert Kett of the City of Norwich, Deponent.

Rose Knyght *alias* Kett of Moulton, co. Norfolk, widow, aged 57 years (born 1541).

John Kett her husband, eldest son of Nicholas Kett, died about 10 years ago. Agnes, his mother, is yet alive. John Kett is Rose's son. William and Robert Kett are his uncles.

John Knyght *alias* Kett of Moulton, yeoman, aged 30, knows that Richard Kett and . . . . be near of kin to the Complainant, and doubteth not they be of some discretion, with the best of the Complainant's kindred.

William Kett was in prison a month.

Margaret (Agnes) Kett, the wife of Robert, son of Valentine Kett, aged 28 years (she evidently was not called as a witness).

Grishaugh.

1606, March 27. Robert Kett is sworn on the part of Silfield.

1606, Trinity, 4 Jas. Fine.

Robert Kett, Junr., *v.* Nicholas Herne, Armiger, and Jane his wife, and Robert Knyght *alias* Kett, Senr., and Mary his wife, messuage and land in Wymondham. (This latter was probably Robert of Norwich.)

1616. Fine. Gilbert Cookes and Robert Baker *v.* Thomas Preston, Junr., and Frances his wife, and Robert Richman and Mary his wife, and Robert Kett and Elizabeth his wife, of the tenement of Rushmere in Benacre.

FORNCETT.

1617. Robert Kett and Nicholas Crosse surrender by the hands of Robert Morst, land formerly James Bigott's in Aslacton, which said Robert Kett took up on surrender of William Kett to the use of Thomas Lincoln. And come Robert Kett and Elizabeth his wife and quitclaim for the same.

RICHARD KNYGHT *alias* KETT, third son of Nicholas Knyght *alias* Kett.

GRISHAUGH, NORTON.

1604. That Richard Kett *alias* Knyght, a native of the Manor, surrenders to the Lord a tenement in Town Green called Rythers, and that this tenement Richard had and took up on the surrender of Nicholas Knyght *alias* Kett his father, 1 Aug. 1560. He surrenders to the use of Henry Kett on condition. (Mortgage.)

Will of Richard Knyght *alias* Kett. (Somerset House, 15, Barrington, 1628.) Date 17 June 2 Chas. I., 1626.

I, Richard Knights *alias* Kett of Debenham, co. Suffolk, mercer. My soul to God, etc. Whereas I have by indenture bearing even date with these presents granted my freehold land, tenements and hereditaments both in Norfolk and Suffolk to the use of myself during my life and after my decease to use of my kinsman, John Sherman of Ipswich, gent., and Elizabeth Laney his sister, the wife of John Laney, the younger, of Ipswich, Esq., and their heirs and assigns, I do by this will bequeath all my freehold lands, etc., to John Sherman and Elizabeth Laney, their heirs and assigns. Item to my cosen Kett of Norwich, the eldest son of John Kett my brother, all my copyhold lands being in Wymondham and elsewhere in Norfolk (died about 4 years ago). To his brother Timothy Kett, to be paid within 3 months of my decease. (Son, not brother, to John Kett above.)

To William Kett of Aslacton, co. Norfolk, £5 in money and 40*s.* a year to all his children. To be paid within 2 years after my decease. (Nephew, not cousin.)

Item. I forgive unto Robert Kett, my kinsman, of Debenham, all my debts he oweth me, being £65 or thereabouts.

Item. To John Wielth of Saxted, co. Suffolk, yeoman, and his wife £8 in money, and to all his children £4 apiece (dead about 2 years before); to all the children of Elizabeth Warner, my kinswoman, 40*s.* apiece; to all the children of Bailiff Brooke, 20*s.* apiece; to John Fylby, my godson, 40*s.*, and to his brother the tailor 40*s.*; to the mother of them both, 20*s.*; to the children of Thomas Brightly of Forncett in Norfolk, 40*s.* apiece; to Elizabeth Kett in Wymondham, my goddaughter, £3 in money; to the children of Marie Kett, the daughter of Edward Kett in Banham in Norfolk, 40*s.* apiece (she never married, and died 1641); to my cousin Elizabeth Reve of Moulton in Norfolk, 40*s.* (In 1588 Pheneyes Reve and Elizabeth Knight married 2 Nov., probably daughter of William Kett, Richard's brother.) (Moulton Registers.)

To John Gouldsmith at Upton, Suffolk, 40*s.*; to my cousin Samuel Sherman £5 in money, and to his daughter 40*s.*; to the children of my cousin John Sherman of Ipswich, 40*s.* apiece; to Mistress Tomlinson, my kinswoman, 40*s.*, and to her 2 sons 40*s.* each; to the children of my

cousin Sparrowe, 10*s.* each; to all the children of my cousin Mistress Eliz. Laney, 10*s.* apiece; to poor of Debenham, £3. Residue to executors, John Laney the younger of Ipswich, Esq., and John Sherman of Ipswich, gentleman. Signed Richard Knight *alias* Kett. Witnesses: Edward Garnon, John Crane.

If I shall hereafter happen to marry and that I shall die before her, to such wife my house in which I now dwell in Debenham and the pigthle of pasture called Deneses, 3 acres during her life and 2 loads of wood for her firing. That she shall have the whole tenement, as well as that which is my own possession as that in possession of Robert Andrewes as tenant. Richard Knight *alias* Kett. Witness: Edwd. Corboulde, Edwd. Garnon. Proved 2 Feb. 1627 by John Lany and John Shirman.

Chancery Bills and Answers. Chas. I., L. 23/42.

1628, Nov. 18. Lany *v.* Kett. John Lany, the younger, of Ipswich, Suffolk, with John Shirman of Ipswich, gentleman, ex'ors of Richard Knyght *alias* Kett, late of Debenham, mercer, deceased, complain that whereas the said Richard was possessed of divers goods and several parcels in his dwelling house in Debenham, and he made his will 17 July 2 Chas. I., 1626, leaving legacies to sundry persons of his near kindred and appointing plaintiffs, being his kinsmen, to be his executors. That the said Richard died at Debenham about January last, and plaintiffs proved his will. But now one Robert Kett of Debenham, yeoman, and one Elizabeth his wife, one Christina Wyeth of Welby, said county, widow, and one Robert Andrewes of Debenham and Grace his wife, combined to defraud plaintiffs of the greater part of the personal estate vested in the said Richard during his sickness and purloined many of his goods, and one Paul Gallant of Debenham, shoemaker, took some of the goods.

1629, April 16, 5 Chas. I. Answer of Robert Kett and Elizabeth his wife, Mary Kett and Richard Fulcher. That they have heard read a copy of the will supposed to be the last will of Richard, bearing date 17 July 2 Chas. I., which it appeareth John Lany hath proved in the Prerogative Court in London, but the said Robert saith that he hath just cause to expect the same not to be the will of the said Richard, for many reasons. First, for therein he gave divers legacies to persons who are dead long since, viz., to his cousin Kett in Norwich, the son of his brother John Kett, all his copyhold lands in Norfolk (which cousin was dead about 4 years before the date of the will), and to one John Wythe and to his wife £8 in money (which John Wythe was dead about two years before), and to one Elizabeth Reve of Moulton 40*s.* (dead about 20 years before), and to Timothy Kett, brother to his cousin Kett of Norwich (which Timothy was son, not brother). And to the children of Mary Kett, the daughter of Edward Kett of Banham in Norfolk, he gave 40*s.* apiece (which Mary is one of the defendants and never had a child, was never married, and lived in the town where the said Richard lived, and was daily with him by the space of about 5 years before his death). That the defendant is son and heir of William Kett, brother of the said Richard, and one of whom he made much esteem; that he procured this defendant to leave his dwelling, which was remote, and come and dwell at the very next house unto him, made a will about a year and a half before his death, and thereby gave the defendant his lands in Suffolk worth about £300, and made him and one William Kett of Aslacton in Norfolk, son of the other brother, his sole executors.

That the said Richard in the time of sickness whereof he died, being given to understand that the complainants were come from Ipswich, where they dwelt, to Debenham, where he lay sick, he commanded that the doors and gates should be shut and locked against them; that the complainant John Sherman and his sister, the wife of John Lany, are the grandchildren of the uncle of the said Richard, who at the time of his death had 27 brothers' and sisters' children living, and they had then also living four score and sixteen children all nearer in blood than the complainants, etc. Sworn 16 April, 5 Chas. I.

Chancery Proceedings, Series II., 407/45.

Orator Richard Knyght *alias* Kett of Debenham, Suffolk, mercer, 80 years of age and upwards, agreed with George Brooke of Aspall, Esq. No more about the Ketts.

EDWARD KNYGHT *alias* KETT, son of Nicholas.

Aslacton Registers.

1585 Elizabeth Kett, daur. of Edwd. Kett, was bapt. 12 Aug.
1588 John Kett, son of Edward Kett, was bapt. 12 April.
1590 Thomas Kett, son of Edward Kett, was bapt. 6 Nov.
1591 William Kett, son of Edward Kett, was bapt. 10 Feb.
1594 John Kett, the son of Edward Kett, was bapt. 24 Nov.

1594 Thomas Kett, son of Edward Kett, was buried 6 Feb.
1599 Anne Kett, the wife of Edwd. Kett, was buried 7 April.
1603 Edwd. Kett was buried 21 April.

Marriage Licences, Norwich.

1586, June 15. Edward Keate or Kett of Aslacton.
Ann Howling of Aslacton, single woman.
Bond: Robert Kett of Norwich, yeoman.

Will of Edward Knighte *alias* Kett of Aslacton, co. Norfolk, yeoman.

To son William Kett *alias* Knight houses in Aslacton. Ann and Mary, two youngest daughters under 23. Son John Kett *alias* Knight, b. 1590. Elizabeth, eldest daughter, b. 1585. Children William, John, Anne and Mary. Thomas Thetford of Hevingham, William Hearne of Tybenham, executors. Thomas Reeve, Edmond Cooke, Richard Longe, witnesses. Dated 18 Jan. 1602. Proved 14 May 1603. Consist. Court, Norwich, Reg. 1603, fo. 267.

Forncett Rolls.

1604. Edward Kett died before Michaelmas Court, and before death surrendered to the use of his will. Comes Elizabeth Kett his daughter and shows his will: "I give to William Kett my son the tenement called Whites, and will that the said Elizabeth my daughter shall have use of legacies before given to my four children for eleven years, and land near Woodhouse which I had on surrender of Nicholas Kett my father."

1602. Fine, Michaelmas, Edward Ridnall *v.* Robert Kett and Elizabeth his wife, 2 messuages in Wymondham and Crownthorpe.

GRISHAUGH.

1612, Aug. 5. Robert Kett and Elizabeth his wife to Edward Ridnell certain lands which said Robert had on surrender of John Kett at Court 27 April 1607.

FORNCETT.

1614. At Court 4 July 1604, Elizabeth Kett took up 9 acres near Woodhouse, Aslacton, on surrender of Edwd. Kett her father, with remainder to William Kett, son of said Edward.

William Kett is present and is of full age, and is admitted. He surrenders to Robert Kett of Wymondham, who surrenders to Nicholas Gross of Hinderley, co. Suffolk.

Chancery Proceedings, 7 May 1622, Series II., 363/1.

Orator William Kett of Aslacton, yeoman, in co. Norfolk. That whereas Edwd. Kett, Orator's father, in January 1602 was fully seized of a close, meadow, 8 acres called Colman's in Aslacton, value £8 per annum, to be lenten according to the custom of the manor of Forncett. Also a tenement called Whites in Aslacton value £4, and whereas Edward Kett was also possessed of Woodwood, and goods and chattels and household stuff, etc., to full value of £400, and the said Edward Kett left it by will to Elizabeth his eldest daughter by reason of occupation, etc., on condition that she should at her costs bring up for the orator John, Anne, Maud (*sic*), his children, in the virtuous, etc., to her power and ability. The said Elizabeth might take convenient firewood. Said Edward, deceased, bequeathing to your orator 2 farms, a pair of sheets, 4 pewter platters and table napkins, and all his books except his Bible, and appointed Elizabeth executor and Thomas Thetford, yeoman, of Tibbenham, Esq., supervisor. The orator, at the death of his father, being about the age of ten years. Elizabeth proved the will, and long afterwards, about 1606, Elizabeth married with one Robert Kett, now of Aslacton, and said Robert and Elizabeth immediately after the decease of Edward Kett took some of your orator's goods and chattels, plate, jewells to pay debts, and John, Mary and Anne ought to have been better kept. Robert and Elizabeth are chargeable for £100. Robert Kett was admitted to the Manor. John Kett, your orator's brother, had a certain original lease from Thomas Thetford, late of Hevingham. Agnes Knight *alias* Kett of Moulton and Thomas Knight had the wood. Dated 19 April 13 Eliz., 1571.

Answer. The joint and several answers of John Kett and Marie Keit, two of the defendants in the Complaint, their sister Elizabeth, another defendant, and Robert Kett another, from whom £200 for copyhold is desired. The lease of Aslacton Priory was from Thomas Thetford to John Kett. Robert and William shared the house, but were not to trespass on each other's grounds. William entered the Hall, which was Robert's, and Robert entered William's half. William's wife threw a sheet at Robert, but he put it by with a little stick and took her up gently in his arms, and put her down upon her feet. All the infants ran out into the yard, and Marie Kett took up one gently and delivered the said maid to complainant's father-in-law, he being with them in the yard. The complainant went forcibly into the said Robert's house at

Wymondham, breaking down the iron boards of the windows, whereupon the said Robert did lay hold of complainant and cast him down with the help of others. 7 May 1622.

Chancery Bills and Answers, Chas. I., A. 78/18, P.R.O.

1627, Nov. 23. John Hamond of Banham, Norfolk, linen-weaver, complains that one William Kett of Aslacton, co. Norfolk, yeoman, about 12 years since borrowed of plaintiff the sum of £3, and about the same time plaintiff sold to Kett a parcel of new linen cloth and other goods to value £12. That William Kett refuses to pay.

1627, Nov. 26. William Kett denies that he borrowed money or bought the goods. He affirms that complainant owes him £7 for the rents of two parcels of ground, part of lands belonging to the tenement of Whites in Aslacton, which he hired of defendant 13 years ago.

Forncett.

1625. Gregory Brett, native tenant, died last Court, and Alice, wife of William Kett, is his only daughter and heir, and of full age, and said William and Alice are admitted.

1628. Fine. Charles Moreen and William Kett and Alice his wife, messuage in Aslacton. Charles gives £60.

1632. Fine. Between Mathew Cocke and Robert Harte, and William Kett and Alice his wife, and Thomas Reve, gent., and Elizabeth his wife, a messuage, a toft, a garden, and 12 acres of pasture in Aslacton and Moulton.

Marriage Licences, Norwich.

1641 William Kett of Forncett St. Peter, singleman, and Mary Gosling of Forncett St. Peter, singlewoman, at Attleboro or Banham. At Banham.

This William Kett is probably the son of William and Alice of Aslacton.

Great Melton, Norfolk.

1653 Edward, son of William Kette and of Marie his wife, was baptised in this Church.

Will of Mary Knights *alias* Kett of Debenham, co. Suffolk, single woman.

To be buried in Christian burial. To brother William Kett of Aslacton 10*s*. To Ane, wife of Thomas Bitton of Banham, my sister, £5. Residue to Robert Kett of Debenham, who is sole executor (relationship to testatrix not stated). Nicholas Doole, William Hancocke, witnesses. Dated 1 Nov. 1628. Proved 14 Aug. 1641 by executor. (Consist. Court, Norwich, Register 1641, fo. 73.)

KETT OF FORNCETT AND MOULTON, CO. NORFOLK, 1495—1736.

- Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett. Born about 1460; died 1536. = Margery, died 1549.
  - John Knyght *alias* Kett. Born about 1490; elected to Wymondham Guild 1514; called junior 1522; tenant in Wymondham Abbey Manor; died 1530, without issue. William Knyght *alias* Kett was his brother and heir. = Alice, widow of Thos. Reynolds of Wymondham; living 1549.
    - Joan, widow of Peter Tylney of Norwich; wife of William 1511.
    - William Knyght *alias* Kett. Born about 1485; admitted to land in Grishaugh 1536 as son and heir; brother and heir of John Knyght *alias* Kett, junior, 1530; attainted as rebel and hanged on Wymondham steeple 1549. = Elizabeth, widow of Thomas Gay of Wymondham; wife of William 1533; died, his widow, 1565. 2nd wife.
      - Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett. Born about 1508; admitted to land, "Alexanders" in Wymondham Abbey Manor, 1539; called junior; died 1545. = Joan, widow of Thos. Mortimer of Wymondham. Her will dated 1557, then of Norwich, widow.
        - Cassandra, dau. and coheir, aged 14, 1545.
        - Elizabeth, dau. and coheir, aged 11, 1545.
      - John Knyght *alias* Kett. Born about 1488; admitted to land in Forncett with his father; elected to Wymondham Guild 1510; took up land in Suton 1519 as John Knyght *alias* Kett, sen.; tenant in Downham in Wymondham Abbey Manor 1510; had land near St. Thomas' Chapel 1530. = ...
        - Nicholas Knyght *alias* Kett. Born about 1512; took up land in Grishaugh Manor 1536; admitted to land in Abbey Manor 1539, on surrender of John Sherman; took up land in Aslacton held of Forncett Manor 1556; bur. at Moulton 2 March 1560-1. Will dated 1560, of "Moulton, yeoman." = Agnes, his wife, 1543; sister of John Sherman of Wacton; living 1585.
          - John Knight *alias* Kett. Born about 1540, son and heir; bur. at Moulton 4 April 1588. Will dated 1587, of "Moulton, yeoman." = Rose, his wife, 1571; bur. at Moulton 24 Aug. 1631.
            - John Knight *alias* Kett. Born about 1565, son and heir; bur. at Moulton 10 Aug. 1624. A = Martha Rix of Wacton, mar. 1588. 1st wife.
              - Catherine. — Ceciley, born 1571. — Mary, born 1562.
              - Elizabeth, mar. 1588 Phineas Reve.
              - Nicholas. Born 1574; bur. at Moulton 1598.
              - Samuel. Born 1577; of St. Andrew's, Norwich, 1603. B
            - Margaret, mar. Rob. Assey. — Elizabeth.
  - Robert Knyght *alias* Kett. Born about 1492; died 1549. = Alice.
  - Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett. Born about 1500. = Agnes.

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- John Knight. = Theodora, his wife, 1635. Bapt. at Moulton 1591.
- Timothy. Born 1593; bur. at Moulton 1630.
- Nicholas. Born 1595. — Robert. Born 1600.
- Barbara, born 1589. — Elizabeth, born 1598.
- Agnes, born 1602.

- William Knyght *alias* Kett. = Agnes. Born *circa* 1543, called of Downham, jun. Will dated 1592, of Wymondham, yeoman; proved 22 March 1594-5.
  - Katherine, mar. 1594 Robert Green of Crownthorpe, Plowright.
  - — Margaret.
  - — Mary.
  - — Agnes.
  - — Elizabeth.
  - Robert Knight *alias* Kett. = Eliza-beth, born 1586; mar. 1606, eldest dau. Born 1580; of Wymondham, junior, 1606; of Debenham, co. Suffolk, 1628.
  - John. Born 1588. — Thomas. Born 1590; died 1594. — John. Born 1594.
  - William Kett. Born 1591, son and heir of Aslacton 1628; tenant in Forncett 1632. = Alice, dau. and heir of Gregory Brett of Forncett; his wife 1617 and 1632.
  - Ann, born 1589; wife of Thomas Bitton of Banham 1628. — Mary, born 1596; died unmar. 1641, of Debenham.
  - William Kett. Born about 1616; of Forncett 1641. = Mary, dau. of . . . . Gosling; mar. 1641 at Banham; his wife 1653.
    - Edward Kett. Bapt. at Melton Magna 1653.
    - Of Moulton 1695; bur. at Moulton 11 July 1736.
    - William Kett. = Mary, his wife, 1695—1711.
      - Elizabeth, mar. at Moulton, 18 Aug. 1718, to William Alexander.
      - Thomas Kett. Bapt. at Moulton 10 Aug. 1695. = Sarah, his wife, 1722.
        - Sarah, bapt. at Moulton 12 May 1722; of Bungay, co. Suffolk, 1751. = Henry Smith of Ellingham, mar. at Hedenham 21 Dec. 1751.
        - Constantia, bapt. 20 June 1732.
      - Mary, born 1697. — Sarah, born 1700. — Thomasine, born 1704; died 1705.
      - Thomasine, born 1705. — Honoria, born 1707.
      - Dorcas, born 1711; died 1712. — Esther, born 1712.

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- Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett. Born about 1555; to have land in Aslacton.
- Robert Knyght *alias* Kett. = Mary, living 1606. Bapt. at Moulton 1557; admitted freeman of Norwich, "grocer," 1583; of Norwich, grocer, 1589 and 1603; senior, 1606.
  - Robert. Born 1583; died 1584.
  - Roger. Born 1592.
  - Nicholas Knight *alias* Kett. = Jane. Born 1585, M.I.S. Martins, Norwich; died 1635.
    - Mary, bapt. 1615 at St. Michael at Plea, Norwich; bur. 1616.
    - Martha, born 1616.
    - Mary, born 1624.

CHAPTER V.

JOHN KNYGHT *alias* KETT, Junior, married Alice; died 1529.

This is the second John Kett, the son of Thomas and Margery.

GILD OF ALL SAINTS', WYMONDHAM.

1514. John Kett a member.

WYMONDHAM ABBEY.

1520-1. John Kett's wife makes default and is fined 3*d.*, 22 July.

That Nicholas Hogan alienates to John Kett *alias* Knyght a tenement with lands, some free, some copyhold, without licence.

GRISHAUGH.

1525. John Kett and Alice his wife make a conditional surrender of lands to Nicholas Hogan.

(Entry 12 Hen. VIII., 1520. Nicholas Hogan surrendered land taken up with Thomas Hogan his father 1 Hen. VII., 1485, and land taken up on surrender of said Thomas 16 Hen. VII., 1500; the aforesaid Nicholas and Katherine his wife do fealty. The land is called Bixland.)

WYMONDHAM ABBEY.

1530, Aug. 16. Presented that John Keet died after the last Court, seized of a garden with a stable and a medicinal spring in Chapelgate, half a rood, and that the said garden ought to be occupied by William Kett, brother of John, Junr., heir, after the death of John, and of full age. Who comes and asks admission and gives a fine of 2*s.*, and does fealty. (This translation is very free.) Anyhow, John had no children as heirs.

1531, July 20. Alice Keet surrenders a cottage called Malles, formerly Richard Denton's, which she had with Thomas Reynolds her husband, now deceased, on the surrender of Joan, wife to Thomas Hendry, Court 6 Oct. 1514, to the use of Robert Kett. Fine 5*s.*

1531, July 20. William Keet surrenders a garden and a parcel of land in Chapelgate containing half a rood, which he had as sworn heir of John Kett his brother, in Court 18 Aug. 1530, to use of Alice Keet *alias* Knyght, widow, and to Thomas Reynolds, son of said Alice.

1531, May 3. First Court of Loye Ferrers, Abbot of St. Mary, Wymondham.

Alice Kett, widow, out of Court, surrenders a messuage in Towngrene-street by witness of William Kett *alias* Knyght, to use of Robert Kett.

1531, Nov. 1. That Alice, relict of John Keet, out of Court, alienates to Thomas Reynolds her son a copyhold cottage.

1531-2, March 12. Alice Keet, widow, alienates to Robert Agas Byxley field called Wrennepark and 3 roods in Gaylehyrm in Norfeld. Alice Keet, widow, formerly wife of Thomas Reynolds, surrenders a

messuage formerly Henry Lovyk's, and before that Thos. Metyngham's, Cryspy, formerly held with Thomas her husband, before that Stephen Seman's, on the surrender of Margaret Woodwarde *alias* Thrower 1495-6, to use of Thomas Reynolds, the son of said Alice.

Alice Keet, widow, surrenders a faldgate called Wrennepark, 3 roods, Gayellhyrne, to use of Robert Agas and Joan his wife. Fine 2*s.* 6*d.*

1543-4, Feb. 14. Comes Thomas Reynolds and surrenders 3 acres that Thomas took up in Court after the death of Thomas Reynolds his father, as his sworn heir. At Court 2 Feb. 1529-30, to use of Adam Bale.

1547. That Alice Kett, widow, alienates to Robert Seman a tenement without licence.

1548, Aug. 29. Comes Alice Knyght *alias* Kett and surrenders 2 acres 3 rods near Bromhill, formerly in tenure of Henry Crisping, called Brokland in Silfield, which said Alice took up with Thomas Reynolds, formerly her husband, on the surrender of Richard Reynolds 21 Jan. 1499, and also a messuage formerly Henry Lovyk's, and before that John Metyngham's, Junr., and a garden tenement Crispyns, which Alice took up from the hand of the Lord 6 Oct. 1543, to use of Robert Seman, etc.

Wymondham Kings.

1551, Oct. 18. Robert Seman and Alice his wife surrender 10 parcels of garden land, Crespyng in Wymondham, that Robert took up on surrender of Alice Knyght *alias* Kett 29 Aug. 1548, to use of Thomas Charles on condition that Alice Kett, widow, have habitation in a room in the lower part of the house, with free exit and entry for the term of her life.

1552. That Alice Kett, widow, surrenders by the hand of John Busshopp, native tenant, in the presence of Stephen Verdon and William Brown, native tenants, a garden with parcels of land, together with a building in Chapelgate containing half a rood of land which said Alice took up with Thomas Reynolds her son, on surrender of William Kett, 20 July 1531, to use of Robert Seman. Fine 2*s.*

CHAPTER VI.

ROBERT KNIGHT *alias* KETT, 4th son of Thomas and Margery.

We will now consider the entries of the greatest Kett of them all, the man who was able to see in advance of his time, and the man who worked for the freedom of the bodies and souls of the Norfolk husbandmen and labourers. Under Thomas Knight *alias* Kett comes the entry that Robert is the son of Thomas and Margery.

WYMONDHAM ABBEY.

1519-20. John Joby and William his son surrender to the use of Robert Kett and Alice his wife.

FORNCETT.

16 Hen. VIII. Robert Kett and his wife and John their servant make restitution for a cow strayed.

WYMONDHAM ABBEY.

1530, Aug. 16. William Smythe, out of Court, alienates to Robert Kett *alias* Knight a close containing 16 acres called Condyt Close, fine ij*d.*; . . . . land of the tenement Wetherby, out of Court, alienate to Robert Keet a messuage near the Chapel of St. Thomas on the north, fine xij*d.*; the same Robert Kett alienates to Lady Anne Knyvet, fine xij*d.*

1531, July 20. That Robert Ket, out of Court, alienates to John Peerson a messuage in Tongrene. Fine ijs.

The same. That John Dry, St. Peter's Vicar of the Church of Wyndham, Robert Poynter, Priest, William Keet *alias* Knyght, Robert Kinsey and Thomas Carrow, co-feoffors to uses of St. Peter, surrender lands, etc., to use of Robert Keet and Robert Agas and their heirs, and Robert Keet and Robert Agas surrender to use of the Lady Anne Knyvett, widow, and Richard Banyard, gentleman.

1531, March 12. The same. Inquisition *ex officio* on part of Braken Ash that William Smyth, out of Court, surrendered by the hand of William Rochester a close containing 14 acres in Norton to use of Robert Kett and William his son.

1532, May 1. The same. Thomas Geffreys surrenders 1½ roods of land, a cottage in the tenement Stevens in Cakewyk, and a house Wyldehogge, an acre with cottage, formerly Margaret Skotte's, formerly Robert Hastyngs', which he held with Joan his wife, deceased, etc., to use of Robert Kett *alias* Knight and Alice his wife. Fine xj*d.*

1532, May 1. Comes Robert Knyght *alias* Kett and does fealty for a messuage in Cakwyk and a rood of land near the Gildhouse of St. George's. St. George's Gild, 1532, received xij*d.* from Robert Kett and John Neve for the farm of doves.

1532, Aug. 24. The same. Catherine Smyth, widow, surrenders a tenement called le Cundyt Close in Brawhite to use of Robert Keet *alias* Knyght and William his son. Fine xxiijs.

1534, May 3. The same. William Keet and Elizabeth his wife (brother and sister-in-law) surrender 4 acres of land called Cundyt Close in Brawhite in Wyndham and 4 acres of field by Tyfford Brigg, formerly William Wistow's, to the use of Robert Kett and William his son. Fine xx*s*.

1534, Aug. 10. The same. On Inquisition, Robert Kett.

That Thos. Fyndern, out of Court, alienates to Robert Keet 4 acres of copyhold called Cundyt Close to use of Robert Keet and Alice his wife. Fine viij*s*.

1535, May 1. The same. Thos. Fyndern, out of Court, alienates to Robert Kett 3 acres of field at Tyford Brigg. And that John Mason and Joan his wife alienate to Robt. Kett a tenement and 2 acres in Suton. And that John Joby and William his son alienate to Robt. Kett a cottage le Shipcote in Northwood, Thos. Fyndern surrenders 3 acres called Tyffin Meadow to Robt. Kett and Alice his wife. Fine vj*s*.

The Watch and Play Society.

1537. First the account of vj*s*. and x*d*. of Robert Kett and his fellows.

Wyndham Abbey.

1535, Sept. 21. That John Mason and Joan his wife, relict of John Potter, surrender a messuage called Stedmans and half an acre of land of tenement Tygrene, half an acre of tenement Gests, which said Joan formerly had as Joan Potter on surrender of John Potter 1510-11, to use of Robt. Kett and Alice his wife. Fine viij*s*.

1536, Oct. 28. The same. (This copy of a deed is not on the Rolls, but is interpolated on a small membrane.) We, Loye Ferrers, Abbot of the Monastery of Wyndham, to oblige Robert Kett *alias* Knyght and William K. *alias* K. hathe and holdethe to them, ther heyers and assigns the withen bownden Abbot, an Inclos by Copy of Court Roll of his Manor of Wyndham containing 17 acres of pasture in Brawhite yn Wyndham called the Cundyt Close for payment of 10 pounds seven shillings and sixpence for the purchase thereof. Robert and William the longest liver to occupy. (William Rochester and William Smyth and Catherine his wife had previously occupied.)

Cromwell's.

1539-40, Jan. 13. John Flowerdewe surrendered lands to Robert Knight.

1541. The same Robt. Ensyne surrendered to Robt. Knyght.

Wyndham Kings.

1542, Feb. 14. That Robt. Stockton surrenders one and a half acres land, formerly John Dyroms, to use of Robt. Knight *alias* Kett. Fine iij*s*.

Feb. 14. Came Robt. and Alice his wife and surrendered a cottage and curtilege containing one acre le Shepecote which Robert and Alice his wife had on surrender of John Forby 1 May 1535, to use of William Syltopp and Alice his wife.

Cromwell's.

1545. Robert Knight *alias* Kett took up on surrender of Joan Kempley a cottage called Wrotte in Cakwyke, which she took up in 1537.

LICENSES TO ALIENATE.

Sir John Dudley, K.G., Viscount Lisle, to Robert Knight *alias* Kett of Wyndham, tanner, Manor of Wyndham, 26 March 1546. Hospital of Burton St. Lazarus, Leicester.

WYNDHAM KINGS.

1548, Aug. 29. Came Robert Kett *alias* Knight and Alice his wife, and surrender a piece of land containing 20 acres called Blery in Silfield Wyndham, which aforesaid William (*sic*) and Alice took on surrender of William Knyght *alias* Kett 10 Aug. 1537, to use of William Kett, brother.

1548, Aug. 29. Robert Kett alienates to William Kett his brother 20 acres of copyhold land in Southfield *alias* Peckfeld in Silfield without licence of the Court. The same Robert alienates to said William iij roods of land, ffloriescroft, in Wyndham without licence of Court.

This is the last entry in the Rolls before the Rebellion, of which Robert Kett unexpectedly found himself the leader. It will be seen he was a man of substance, and he had a certain faculty for accumulating possessions. Like the young man in the Gospel he was suddenly asked to leave all, and for purely unselfish reasons he did so. He was a man of about 60 years of age, and as he proved a good administrator of justice, he must have been perfectly well aware of the risks he ran. The Petition the "rebels" sent to the King is the most moderate and statesmanlike document, and must have been chiefly drawn up by Robert himself.*

The trial of Robert and William Kett is to be found at the Public Record Office in the Baga de Secretis, pouch xvii., bund. i.

The story of Robert Kett has been well told by Mr. F. W. Russell, and again, more circumstantially, by Mr. Joseph Clayton. Both recognize in Robert Kett a great leader of a great cause. The first makes a detailed but rather disjointed history; the latter is concise, and full of joy to find, as he thinks, an early Socialist. Those of us who are Ketts sense that Robert was not a Socialist proper, but he was a thinker far in advance of his time, and he had immense scorn of injustice and sympathy with the oppressed. He was hasty in action, and being involved, began too late to consider the consequences. The Agrarian Revolution and the enclosure of Commons was the cause of the revolt, but the destruction of the Monasteries, and more especially of his own Abbey of Wyndham, won the hatred of all who worked for the preservation of the Church. The Ketts had charge of many of the Altar vessels and candles, and were connected both as tenants and servers with the Abbey. The Chapel of our Lady, so ruthlessly destroyed by John Flowerdew of Hetherset, was their special interest to preserve. This can be seen by documents in Wymondham Church Chest. The good people of the town and the Ketts as the principal inhabitants collected money to buy back the bells, lead, etc.; and though this petition was granted, they were frustrated by this same Sergeant Flowerdew, "who stripped the south aisle and abbey vestry, and all the lodgings, the town vestry and part of the Abbey steeple of all their lead, and carried away all the freestone from the south cross aisle, the Chapel of our Lady, and the Choir, which he demolished in a good manner," says Blomefield. I suppose "in a good manner" means totally. No doubt John Flowerdew received his reward as a despoiler

* See Note A., Appendix.

and a thief, and those of us who cannot believe in Karma may agree with Dante, that the 8th circle of the Inferno is a suitable position for those who shew no sign of repenting. Flowerdew fell into disrepute with his neighbours, and the Ketts, as we see in Chancery suits, knew how to value him at his proper worth. Naturally it was the same family who enclosed many common lands. These local grievances had more weight with the Commons of central Norfolk than the wider political changes in England. The poor men of Wymondham were accustomed to the generous treatment of the Abbot in allowing liberty to common their cattle. When rents were raised by the Nouveaux Riches, as is nearly always the case, and the despoilers of the Monasteries planted hedges round the old Commons, the time had come to rise and stop all this. East Anglia thought that the King, whom they thought of as a good man, had only to hear of their troubles to redress their wrongs. Robert Kett saw plainly that the people lacked leadership; he had no private wrong to redress, and joining the Rebellion could by no possibility mean personal gain. He must have known so many men lose their heads, or be hanged for small offences. He saw a vision of a fairer, happier England, and he threw in his lot with the people, feeling perhaps as they did, strong faith in their King. One and all knew that Protector Somerset had had sympathy with the Commons. Somerset was, however, no statesman, only a double-dealing politician, and it is small blame to the people of those days that they did not see what perhaps better educated, but less wise descendants of theirs fail to see now-a-days. Sir John Hayward says, by a confidential countenance in all his actions, the Vassals took him (Kett) to be both valiant and a fit man to be their commander. (Life of Edward VI.) Kett's answer was, "I am ready and will be ready at all times to do whatsoever not only to repress, but to subdue the power of the great men, and I hope to bring it to pass ere long that as ye shall repent of your labours, so shall these, the great ones, of their pride." "Many horrible things of late years ye have endured, with many wrongs and miseries have ye been vexed and afflicted." "But I will that ye be of good cheer, for this so great cruelty in all sorts, seem to be hated and accursed of God and men. Moreover, I promise that the hurts done unto the public weal and the common pasture by the importunate lord thereof shall be revenged. Whatsoever lands I have enclosed shall again be made common unto ye and all men and my own hands shall perform it." Nevylle. This was said on Monday Evening, 8 July, at Robert's house below the Church, situated in the meadow where we can still see the tan pits.

The rising had begun on 20 June 1549 at Attleborough against Squire Green, Lord of the Manor, and was stayed till 7 July, St. Thomas of Canterbury's day, to whom the Chapel in Wymondham had been dedicated. Henry VIII. struck St. Thomas' name out of the Calendar and confiscated the funds of his Gilds. The Ketts had been members of this Gild at Wymondham. Now the little Chapel was turned into a School, and the old Church plays connected with the Feast were still performed there. After the Feast, the people repaired to Morley and threw down Mr. Hobart's fences, then they came back to Hethersett and set to work on John Flowerdew's property. He promptly offered them 40*d.* if they would attack Kett's fences. Mr. Clayton points out that John Flowerdew was the immediate cause of Robert Kett's joining the Rebellion. Robert was a tanner, that is, he held the manorial rights of tanning for Wymondham. William, the eldest brother, was a "bocher," that is, as in New Zealand now, a grazier. He was also a mercer, and had a mercer's

shop in Wymondham, and grazed cattle at Forncett for flechers or butchers. Robert and William Kett's father, Thomas Kett of Forncett, held a good deal of land there, and was a wealthy man. His eldest living son William had grants of land there, and was also wealthy. The eldest son, John Kett, Senr., had died and left a will in which we see he was a tenant in Downham and took up land with his father. He was a member of St. Thomas' Guild in 1510, and lived close to St. Thomas' Chapel; he was elected to St. Thomas' Guild 1514; he married Alice, widow of Thomas Reynolds of Wyndham, and died 1530 without issue, his brother William being his heir. We now have Robert, the fourth son of Thomas. He was born, as can be traced from the Rolls, about 1492, and he married Alice, daughter of Nicholas Appleyard of Bracon Ash by Agnes, daughter of William Rokewood of Warham. Nicholas Appleyard died 1517. This marriage is not directly proved, but practically proved by a series of extraordinary bits of circumstantial evidence. Robert Kett held the principal part of the land of three manors from John de Lisle, Earl of Warwick, who granted him Gunville's Manor.

It would be well here to note some interesting family connections. Roger Appleyard, Alice Kett's brother, married Elizabeth, daughter of John Scott of Camberwell, Esq. She married secondly Sir John Robsart, son of Sir Terry Robsart of Wyndham. John Robsart and his wife Elizabeth were father and mother of the famous Amy who married Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, fifth son of John Dudley, Earl of Warwick, Robert Kett's landlord. Warwick fought against the rebels in Dussindale, bringing amongst his troops his own son Robert Dudley. It is probable that this was the occasion of Robert, later Earl of Leicester, meeting with Amy Robsart, as he and Warwick probably stayed at Stanfield Hall, Wyndham, opposite Cumdyt Field. Amy was 18 in 1649, and her brother died the same year. There are two interesting letters from Robert Dudley to John Flowerdew, his agent at Wyndham, dated St. Magdalen's day 22 July 1558, in which he mentions his brother "Bige," that is, James Bigot, first husband of Anne Appleyard, half sister to Amy, and one from Amy herself to John Flowerdew about sheep and wool money. (Harl. MSS., 4712, fo. 275.) Amy appears to be on good terms with her husband. He was, however, like his father Northumberland and his grandfather Edmund Dudley, Privy Counsellor to Henry VII., able but unscrupulous. There seems little doubt he had Amy murdered to give himself the chance of marrying Queen Elizabeth. John Appleyard, 1567, revived the charge of murder against Leicester. John Appleyard was Amy Dudley's half-brother.

Robert Kett's sister-in-law Mary Appleyard married John Dade of Shadingfield, co. Suffolk. Robert Kett's niece Catherine Kett, daughter of Thomas Kett of Wymondham, Robert's brother, married a Dade of Shadingfield. Thomas Kett died 1553, leaving a will and naming all his children. His descendants live in Cambridge.

For six centuries before the Rebellion the Ketts had lived in Norfolk. They had gained for themselves considerable wealth, and were firmly established. The Reformation did not benefit them in the least, but as a family they were law-abiding people, and put up with what could not be altered, though they withstood Church destruction as far as in them lay. Robert named one of his sons Loye after the last Abbot of Wymondham Abbey, Loye Ferrers, who probably stood godfather to the little boy Loye Kett, who, probably in consequence of his early instruction, turned out a fine man, whom his many friends and neighbours chose as their executor

and advisor. One would like to think that the last Abbot, whom we know as a fine man, was an honoured guest in Robert Kett's house after the infamous treatment meted out to him by the powers that were.

It is certain then by this genealogy that Robert Kett knew the Earl of Warwick, his landlord, and most likely had met Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, later at the Robsart's, as they, moreover, lived close by.

After the Rebellion and its painful consequences, these entries occur in the Rolls :—

Wymondham, Queen's Manor.

1530. Comes Alice Knight *alias* Kett and surrenders nine and a half rods of copyhold land with a cottage tenement Stebyns in Cakewyk, with a curtilage tenement Wyldehogge, also a cottage, formerly Margaret Scott's, before that Robert Hastyngs', that Alice took up with Robert Knyght *alias* Kett formerly her husband, now dead, on the surrender of Thomas Jeffries 1 May 1532, to use of John Reynolds, etc.

Cromwell's. Draft.

1550, Aug. 1. Inquisition says that Robert Knight *alias* Kett was attainted of felony for the Rebellion on Muswolde, and hanged on the Castle of Norwich. At the time of his attainder he was seized of various lands and tenements copyhold in this Manor which were escheated to the King. And that William Knight *alias* Kett was attainted, and was hanged on Wymondham Church Tower. He was seized of divers lands in this Manor, which were escheated to the King.

There was some difficulty in allocating Robert Kett's sons. They naturally kept quiet owing to the family trouble. The Registers also are burnt of that date. However, by a careful distribution of all the Ketts at that time in the numerous wills that they left, the unprovided-for sons of Robert are easily discovered after a little trouble. William the eldest got back some of the family estates; also he made a good marriage with Anne, daughter of John Beckham of Narford by Alice, daughter of Robert Boston of Banham. George Kett, the youngest of Robert's sons, acted as guardian to William's only son Richard. He is certainly his brother. As it is definitely known that George was brother to Loye and Richard Kett of Beeston, therefore they must be brothers of William and sons of Robert.

Besides these there was James Knight *alias* Kett, whom we find taking up land belonging to William Kett, Robert's eldest son, and this is before we hear of George in any land dealings, and this particular land formerly belonged to Robert the Rebel.

Wymondham Kings.

1546, Nov. 20. William Stele, out of Court, alienates by Robert Rogers, his attorney, to James Kett *alias* Knight, and surrenders a messuage in Damgate formerly taken up on surrender of Robert Deplaye and Christine his wife, at Court 1526-7, to use of said James Knyght *alias* Kett. Fine *vs.*

1547. The same. John Wright surrenders a tenement to the use of James K. *alias* K.

Cromwell's Draft Book.

1550, Aug. 1. The Lord grants to James Knight *alias* Kett $\frac{1}{3}$ of a meadow called Whitser meadow. John Kett took up 1 May 1553.

WYMONDHAM KINGS.

1552, Oct. 6. That Agnes Westhaugh and Stephen Potter, ex'ors of the will of William Westhaugh, alienate to James Kett and John Wyard 2 shoppes near le Chapell in Wyndham without licence. Comes Alice Westhaugh *alias* Cowper and surrenders a parcel of land by the tenement of James Knyght *alias* Kett of fee of the manor of Grishaugh, called le corner shoppe and called Chapelgate street with 2 meat shops. The said Agnes Westhaugh took up with William Westhaugh *alias* Cowper, formerly her husband, on surrender of William Knyght *alias* Kett 28 Sept. 1545, to use of James Knyght *alias* Kett. Fine iiij*d*. And the same Agnes surrenders a meat shop between the King's Way called Chapelstrete on the south of the Chapel of Thomas Bekkett, and garden formerly William Westhaugh's and formerly John Symond's chaplain, on the north, and two workshops in tenure of James Knyght *alias* Kett, which garden William Westhaugh and Agnes his wife took up on the surrender of William Knyght *alias* Kett in this Court, to use of Adam Smyth *alias* ffolsham. Fine xij*d*.

1553. The same. And that William Westhaugh *alias* Cowper died before the last Court; before he died he surrendered in the presence of Robert Agas and James Knyght *alias* Kett, native tenants, etc.

1553. Inquisition ex officio. James Kett alienates to William Neve a messuage in Damgate without licence.

CROMWELL'S NORTON.

1553, Oct. 1. Since at Court 1 Oct. 1553 James Knyght *alias* Kett's death was presented, and that John K. *alias* K. is his son and next heir, aged 14 or more. Now comes said John and prays admission to lands which said James took up 1 Aug. 1550 from the Lord's hands, and also other lands in Chapelgate formerly John Mathew's, which said James took 1 Aug. 1552 on surrender of John Granger and Margaret his wife, and said James (*sic*) is admitted by Agnes his mother and attorney and dower is also assigned to her as she has none in said premisses.

NORFOLK ARCHDEACONRY ADMINISTRATIONS.

James Knyght of Wyndham 19 Sept. 1561 to Agnes, formerly relict.

John Kett the elder was born in 1539, as he was 14 at his father's death in 1553.

His mother Agnes Kett *née* probably Westhaugh died 1578.

CHAPTER VII.

JOHN KETT, the Elder.

Will of John Legatt, husbandman, of Wymondham.

1565, March 24. John Kette the elder, Supervisor. Surrender of lands in Grishaugh, Hethersett, and the Abbey manors, all in the presence of John Kett. Said John Kett witness. Probate 2 May 1565. Norf., 1563—66.

Wymondham, Queen's Manor.

1568, Oct. 14. John Kett, Jurator. John Plome surrenders a garden with a workshop and meat shop in Chapelgate Street near the chapel of St. Thomas, in tenure of John Knight. This John Plome and Adam Smith *alias* Foulsham formerly took up at a court held 5 April 1556. To use of John Kette, who gives a fine.

Grishaugh.

1569. John Kette, Junr., a tenant.

1575, Oct. 26. The same. Henry Blake, gent., alienates and sells to John Kett a parcel of land, le Scole House.

1576, June 19. The same. Henry Blake, gent., surrenders a piece of land near the Scolehouse, viz., shop in tenure of Robert Davy, the Becket Chapel *alias* Scolehouse by cottage in tenure of John Kette. To use of Kette, etc.

Cromwell's.

1578, Sept. 29. To this Court comes John Knight *alias* Kett, son and next heir of James Knight *alias* Kett, deceased, and asks to be admitted to the reversion of a building in Chapelgate, formerly John Grangier's, before that John Mathew's, with its appurtenances, after the death of Agnes his mother, to whom said John swears to be heir descendant after the death of James his father, and which the said Agnes took up for the term of her life as her dower, at Court 1553, also the reversion to the purprise by the Chapel of St. Thomas Martyr in Norton, Wymondham, after the death of Agnes his mother. These concessions were formerly made by the Lord to Agnes 18 Oct. 1554. John Kett is admitted. (Agnes the widow also comes and releases her rights in the above.)

Wymondham, Queen's.

1578, Oct. 13. John Knight *alias* Kette and Mary his wife surrender the Orteyeard wall, formerly the Monastery's, and opposite the messuage formerly Robert Deyne's of Damgate, and a piece of ground formerly the Abbey garden, which among other things the said John took up 1554-5. To use of Agnes Knight, widow, his mother.

Comes Agnes Knight, widow, formerly relict of James Knight, deceased, and surrenders and quitclaims John Knight *alias* Kette, her son, for the term of her life, which properties were formerly in tenure of

said James Knight, deceased, a messuage with appurtenances in Damgate in Wymondham, which said John formerly surrendered to use of Agnes.

1580, April 7. Inquisition of office of principal vassals. John Kette.

1585, April 14. The same. Comes Agnes Knight *alias* Kette, widow, and surrenders a messuage, Breezes, and the ortyard wall in Damgate and a piece of a great garden, formerly the Monastery's, taken up from John her son 13 Oct. 1578. To use of William Knight *alias* Kette her son. And William does fealty. Memo.: It is agreed that Agnes Kette shall have half the fruit growing in the yard every year during her natural life.

1587-8. To this Court comes John Kett and Mary his wife and surrender premisses by Becket's Chapel, formerly granted to James Knight *alias* Kett and his heirs, father to said John, 25 Nov. 1550. To use of William Davy and his heirs.

Gryshaugh.

1597. To this Court comes John Kett and Mary his wife and surrender lands which John took up 2 Aug. 1554 on the death of James Knight *alias* Kett his father. To use of John Egeley and his heirs.

1598. The same. John Kett, son and next heir of James Kett his father, prays admission to the half of a preposture opposite St. Thomas de Beckett's Chapel, on the death of Agnes Kett his mother. This Agnes held in dower for the term of her life at Court held 2 Aug. 1554, and he is admitted to the same. He at once surrenders to Henry Kett and his heirs.

Agnes Kett, the widow of James, has now died.

1608. Edward Holle comes and surrenders a parcell of land by Dambrigge in Wyndham taken up on surrender of John Kett 1598-9.

1618, April 12. The same. John Knight *alias* Kett comes and surrenders lands which said John took up on death of his father at Court 1 Aug. 1554, to use of Richard Kett, and he is admitted.

Will of Elizabethe Remchinge. Dated 14 April 1595. (P.C.C., Scott, fo. 29.)

I, Elizabethe Remchinge of Wymondham, Co. Norfolk, widowe. Item. I give to John Kett, my sonne-in-lawe, my gray nagge which he use to ride on and one silver spoone. Item. I give to Mary my daughter, wife of the sayed John Kett, my playne old great cofer with one worsted gowne of my late husbandes which lyeth in the same. Item. I give unto the sayed Mary one payer of sheetes, one smocke late my sister Coldams, which she gave unto me, and one cupboard which standeth in the hall of the house of the sayed John Kett where he dwelleth in Wymondham. Item. I give unto Sarah Kett, one of the daughters of the sayed Mary Kett, one saye gowne with a velvet cape, one booke called Beza, his testament, and twenty shillings in money. Item. I give unto Mary Kett, one other of my sayed daughter Mary Kett her daughters, one payer of course sheetes, one little prayer booke, and twenty shillings in money. Item. I give unto Judith, one other of the daughters of my sayed daughter Mary Kett, one other payer of course sheetes, one little prayer booke, and twenty shillings in money. Item. I give unto Susan, another of the daughters of my sayed daughter Mary, one other payer of course sheetes, one little prayer booke, and twenty shillings in money. Item. I give unto Priscilla, another of the daughters of my sayed daughter Mary, one

other payer of course sheetes, one little prayer booke, and twenty shillinges in money. Item. I give unto Lidea, an other of the daughters of my sayed daughter Mary, one other payer of course sheetes, one possuet, brighte within and without, one little prayer booke, and twenty shillinges in money. Item. I give unto every one of the children of my sayed daughter Mary above the sayed parcells before given, one pewter disshe, and one silver spoone. Item. I do freelie forgive unto all my sonnes and to my sonne-in-lawe John Kett all such debtes as they do owe me.

(Signed) Elizabethe Remchinge.

Testibus Thomas Weld, the marke × of Richard Cadwold, John Kett. Proved 24 May 1595 by John Theaker, Notary Public, Proctor for Edward Remchinge, son and ex'or.

John Kett, Of Wymondham, mar. on or before 1578; died 1619. Will. — Mary, dau. of Richard Remchinge of Carbrooke, yeoman, died 1566 (Cons. Norw.), and Elizabeth his wife; died 1623 (Norfolk Archd., Original Wills, No. 65).

Sarah Kett, mar. William Edwards of Beccles; ex'or of Mary Kett.	Mary Kett, died 1615; adm'on to father, Norfolk Archd. Court.	Elizabeth Kett. — Judithe Kett.	Susan Kett. — Priscilla Kett.	Lidea Kett, mar. James ....

Will of John Kett the Elder, of Wymondham. (Norf. Archd. Register, Original Wills 1619, No. 63.)

To Phœbe Kett, my brother's daughter. To Elizabeth Kett, my brother's daughter. To Sarah Kett, my brother's daughter. To Jeremy Kett. To Henry Kett, my brother's son. To my sister's daughters, 10*s.* each. To Judith Jonson's children (3). To Elizabeth Reynolds' 2 children. To Robert James' 2 children. Residue to Sarah Edwards' children. Witness Thomas Grenewood. Dated 18 June 1619. Proved 29 Sept. 1619.

(Signed) John Kett.

Will of Mary Ket sometyme wife of John Ket, senior, of Wymondham. (Norf. Archd., Original Wills.)

Appoints William Edwards executor. To daughter Lidia James books, plate, furniture, etc. To Elizabeth Edwards, dau. of Sara Edwards. To Lidia James other furniture. To her sister Rainold. To Sarah Edwards, my eldest dau., Bible, etc. To Abigail Edwards, grandchild. To Susan Edwards, grandchild. To Elizabeth Edwards, grandchild. To John Edwards, grandchild. To Daniel Edwards, grandchild. To Thomas Edwards, grandchild. To Mary James, grandchild. To Lidia James, grandchild. To Lidia Reynolds, grandchild. To John Reynolds, grandchild. William Edwards of Beccles, sole ex'or. Witnesses: Thomas Alexander, Nicholas Peterham, Philip Simonds. Dated 2 Jan. 1622-3. Proved 11 July 1623.

John Kett the elder married Mary Remching—see Will of Elizth. Remchinge of Wymondham, P.C.C., Scott, fo. 29, 14 April 1595, when she gives to her son-in-law John Kett her grey nagg and one silver spoon; her daughter Mary gets a pair of sheets and other things. Amongst

them the cupboard that stands in the hall of their house at Wymondham. One of her daughters by Richard Remching, Elizabeth, married Richard Lincoln of Swanton Morley, ancestor of Abraham Lincoln, President U.S.A. John Kett, the elder, and Mary his wife left 7 daughters. These were duly enumerated in their wills 1619 and 1623. John Kett alludes to his brother's daughters and sons, so it is not difficult to find out who these brothers were—William Kett, who married Dorothy, and Robert Kett. Will 1583, Bocher of Wymondham.

William Knyghts *alias* Kett and Dorothea his wife come and surrender a messuage in Damgate, which said William and Dorothy took up on the Lord's regrant Sept. 1591 to the use of Nathaniel Brewer and Susanna his wife. These are most likely to be Dorothy Kett's parents. We notice the names Nathaniel in the next generation and Susannah in the next but one.

Will of William Kett dwelling in Damgate. (Norf. Archd. Reg. 1614, fo. 308.)

Being very weak, etc. My soul to God, body to be buried in churchyard. Dorothy Kett, wife. Nathaniel Kett, son. John Kett, son. Ales Starlynge, dau. Febye Kett, dau. Elizabeth Kett, dau. Sarah Kett, dau. Susan Kett, dau. of Nathaniel Kett. Witnesses: Nathaniel Brewer, Robert × Deker, Robert × Prockter.

Robert Kett. Will Jan. 20, 1583. (Norf. Archd. Register 1583, fo. 158.)

My soul to God, etc. To Wyndham poor at my burial, 13*s.* 4*d.* To Henry Kett, my son, to be held in trust till 14, when he is to be bound to some occupation for 7 years. If he die before 21 then £20 to go to Henry Kett, son of Loye Kett. £10 to eldest son of William Kett my brother. To Henry Kett my servant. Residue to wife Margaret. To my godson Davey Lylley's son 6*s.* 8*d.* To my brother William's son, my godson, £4. Loye Kett my kinsman, ex'or. Witnesses: George Kett, Thomas Marten. Dated 20 Jan. 1583. Proved 29 Jan. 1583.

WYMONDHAM REGISTERS.

1617, Feb. 1. John Kett the sonne of John Kett baptised.

(This first John Kett was the son of William Kett and Dorothy his wife, second son.) We do not know much about him except that he is mentioned in his father's will, 1614. His son John is married at Wymondham 1639, Jan. 30.

John Kett, singleman, and Ann Alexander, singlewoman.

He was about 22 when he married, and 48 when he died 1665.

The Record Office, Dublin, at the Four Courts, gives this among the State Papers, Irish, 1655: John Kett Dublin. P. 273. Petition to Lord Henry Cromwell of the citizens and inhabitants of Dublin to ask to have Customs' duty removed, the same as Scotland, Virginia, New England, etc. 18 May 1655. About a hundred signatures. John Kett.

Will of John Kett of Dublin city, merchant. (P.C., Dublin.)

To dear children John Kett, Anne Kett, Phœbe Kett, William Kett (born *c.* 1645) and Daniel Kett. Dear and loving wife to be sole executrix. Witnesses: William Younge, William Hill, John Playford. Overseers:

Thomas and Benjamin Cooke, merchants. Probate to Anne Kett, widow and relict, sole executrix. Made 12 June 1665. Proved 3 Aug. 1665.

Act of Settlement, 1665. Record Office, Dublin.

King Charles II. offers to John Kett, officer in his noble father's army, and fighting against the Irish Rebels in 1641, a grant of land in Ireland other than that by the bridge of Lexford. (It must have been found that John Kett was dead.)

This document, which I found in the Dublin Record Office, looked as if it had never been opened before.

WYMONDHAM REGISTERS, beginning 1615.

Burials.

1615	April	6	Mary Kett the daughter of John Kett, single woman.
	Sept.	4	Dorothy Kett, widow.
1618	Nov.	1	John Kett, senex.
1623	June	23	Mary Kett, widow of John Kett, senex.
1628	Dec.	7	Two children of John Kett.
1633	May	3	John Kett.

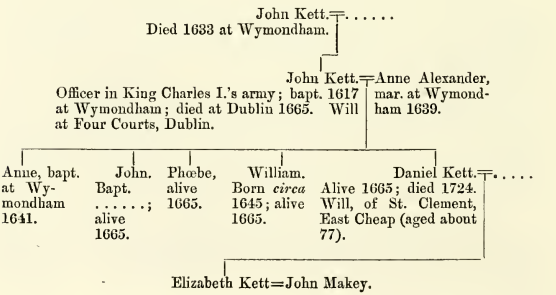
Baptisms.

1615	May	7	Robert Kett, son of Nathaniel Kett.
1617	Feb.	1	John Kett the son of John Kett.
1619	Feb.	13	Alice Kett the daughter of John Kett.
1623	June	22	Margarett the daughter of John Kett.
1641	Oct.	15	Anne, daughter of John Kett.

Marriage.

1639	Jan.	30	John Kett, single man, & Ann Alexander, single woman.

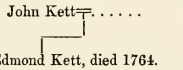
John Kett, Dublin. We see that he went out as an officer in Charles I.'s army, and stayed there, evidently bringing over his wife from Wymondham, establishing himself as a merchant.



1725. Dublin Marriage Licence Grant. John Makey and Elizabeth Kett of parish of St. John's, Dublin.

1724. Nov. 12. Probate of Daniel Kett, P.C.C. Committed to Thomas Newnham, Attorney for Elizabeth Kett, spinster, beyond the seas, natural and legitimate daughter of Daniel Kett of the parish of St. Clement, East Cheap, London, who administers in the absence of the said Elizabeth Kett.

1764, March 23. Adm'on, P.C.C. Adm'on of Edmond Kett, late of H.M.S. "Ramilies," a seaman, batchelor, deceased. Adm'on granted to James Reade, the lawful attorney of John Kett, the natural and lawful father of deceased, in the city of Limerick, Ireland.



This is probably a descendant of John, son of John Kett of Dublin.

It is to be noted that the Cookes, overseers of John Kett's will, were Norfolk friends, who had business with Dublin.

For the present all that is of interest here is the name of Thomas Newnham, attorney.

To return to Nathaniel Kett, the elder brother of John Kett of Wymondham, who died 1633; according to the Wymondham Registers Nathaniel had a son Robert Kett, baptized May 1615. From the Original List of Persons of Quality who went from Great Britain to the American Plantations 6 Jan. 1634, among the names of those to be transported (not in the present sense) to St. Christopher and the Barbados we find Robert Kett, 22 yeares (born 1612). They have taken the oath of allegiance.

If these men are identical—and there was a near connection between the Dublin Ketts and those in Barbadoes—then Robert either made himself out older than he was or he was baptized late, a very unlikely thing. There is no trace of him in St. Christopher's. As this Robert was in Barbadoes, he fits in as the father of one Richard Kett, whom we find in Barbadoes on the estate of Constant Sylvester, one of the best known planters. Richard's connection with the London Ketts will be noted. There is no exact evidence that he was the father of Richard Kett, but they are the only two Ketts I can find in Barbadoes.

1662. Irish State Papers. Abstract of Debentures of Captain Richard Franklin's troop since 1649. Value of claims. Robert Kitt.

This man I take to be more likely to be the son of Nathaniel, and the Robert Kett who went to Barbadoes to be the elder brother of John Kett of Dublin, as we shall see later by Richard's will.

Will of Constant Silvester. 1671. P.C.C., 124, Duke.

All my lands and plantations in Barbadoes, all servants, negroes, cattle, etc., to my wife Grace Silvester, Henry Walrond, Esq. (brother of the said Grace). Col. Richard Hawkins, Samuel Farmer, Esq., and Mr. Francis Raynes, all of Barbadoes, in trust for my eldest son. Constant Silvester, Humphrey Silvester, Grace Silvester, Mary Silvester, when 21 or married £2000 each. A jewel when 15. £60 per annum for their education until 13. To my brother Nathaniel S. ½ part of the lands he

and I hold in Shelter Island upon the coast of New England. To sister Mary Cartwright, wife of Isaac Cartwright, to their son Constant C. and daughters Mary and Ann. To nephew Richard Kett £600 and £60 per annum as long as he keep on my plantation. Witnesses: Henry Walrond, Grace Walrond, etc. Date 7 April 1671. Proved 7 Oct. 1671 by Grace Sylvester, relict. Buried in chancel of Brampton Church, Hunts. C. S. died 2 Sept. 1671.

William Kett, the son of John Kett of Dublin.*

1685, March 12. Colonial State Papers, vol. lvii., No. 37. Bermuda. Letter from Captain William Coward, R.N., to the Right Hon. George, Lord Dartmouth. (Captain Coward was a connection of the Ketts.)

On our way to Pennsylvania we were forced into port by contrary winds, where we find great distraction. We have about 30 men with us. The difference between the Governor and the country hath had a hearing before several masters and merchants. The Governor hath not one officer to stand by him, etc. (Signed) Wm. Coward.

This is enclosed: May yt pleas your Honour I sarved under your flag in St. David, Captn. Geo. Rooke, abt. the demolition of tangear, and hope Your Honour will be pleased to remember your Honours most Humble and most obedient saruant, Wm. Coward.

He also encloses this: The attestation of William Kett, aged about 19 yeares, who declareth as followeth, that upon the 11 March, being in Pembroke Tribe in ye night time, he heard the drum beat and the report of several small arms to the number of 30 or 40, as he supposes, and that he heard say that many more were fired, and further saith not. The premisses sworn before the Rt. Honble. the Governor ye 12th day of March 1685-6. John Janneye, Dep. Governor.

William Kett attest' concerning all arm̃e.

Attested by Bartholemew Sharpe of the "Josiah" frigate, Edward Conway of the ship "Prosperous," John England of the "Francis," Willm. Coward, Lieut. of the "Prosperous."

William Coward was uncle to Honoria and Philadelphia Kett of St. Mary Axe.

Ensign William Kett, Nevis, West Indies.

"Caribbeana." John Smith's Company. Ensign William Kett. 6 white men, 2 white women, 3 negro men, 5 women negroes, 4 negro children. Nevis, 1677-8.

Careful study of the Colonial Office Papers relating to the American colonies and the West Indies has produced the following notes from the Leeward Islands documents:—

1682, Oct. 14. C.O. 83/279. Nevis Assembly. Mr. William Kitt attends regularly to 5 Feb. 1683.

1688, June 16. Lieut. William Kitt attends the Assembly regularly till 17 Nov. 1688.

In 1703 Colonel Codrington is Governor of St. Kitts.

It seems as if Kett changed to Kitt owing to the close proximity of St. Kitts.

Colonel Elrington was refused the Governorship of St. Kitts by factions of Mr. Mead and Mr. Cole.

* Note the same series of Christian names in the Nevis Ketts.

1702. News of the King's death. Mr. Carpenter strikes Colonel Elrington after returning from dinner on a naval cruiser at Nevis. There was a brawl, and Col. Elrington is run through with a sword. Inquisition on Col. Elrington's death—William Kitt, Junr., on it, and first spoken of at Nevis, 1 May 1702.

1707-8, March 11. Address from Nevis. Thanking for stores received and asking for more ordnance. Signed by 19 people and William Kitt.

List of Whites and Blacks in Nevis.

	White.	Black.
John Kitt	5 males	9 males
	3 females	9 females
Total	8	18
Nathaniel Kitt . . .	3 males	3 males
	2 females	4 females
Total	5	7
William Kitt . . .	1 male	14 males
	5 females	15 females
Total	6	29

Total Whites in Nevis 1104.
Total Blacks in Nevis 3676.

The Kitts do not seem to have been in Nevis in 1706 when it was attacked by the French, but in St. Kitts. There was a Christopher Stoddart, a planter, in St. Kitts. This is curious, because in the beginning of the 19th century there was a Stoddart Kett marriage having nothing to do with Nevis or St. Kitts.

C.O. 152/6. Journal of Col. Hamilton respecting the invasion of St. Kitts by the French. Jan. 27, 1705-6.

They heard the alarm at Nevis of the arrival of the French in St. Kitts.

Account of our forces and how they are disposed.

Horse, Queen's troops: Militia Foot, Captain John Kitt, 34 men.
" " Captain William Kitt, 34 men.
" " Captain Chris. Stoddart, 43 men.

They were posted on Brimston Hill with the officers and soldiers in Charles Fort. Council of War, Charles Fort: Resolved that Lieut.-Colonel Payne, with a Lieutenant, Sergeant, a Corporal and 20 men of the Queen's troops, 150 of the Militia, with officers proportional, march to Brimston Hill and maintain the same against attacks of the enemy. That an account be forthwith taken of all women and children, with provisions in Charles Fort and on Brimston Hill, and that all live-stock near the fort be drove into it, and that a party of 30 horse be sent to the neighbouring works and as far towards the enemy as the officer commanding the party judge convenient to bring in what load can be got. That the small house near the top be pulled down and brought into it to make barracks and for firewood. About five in the afternoon had two messages from Col. Garnett giving an account that Captains William and John Kitt and Capt. Chr. Stoddard began to mutiny and threatened to leave their posts and go to their wives and children, which accordingly they did, the

particulars of which followeth: As soon as Colonel Garnett came to Godding Gutt, the pass assigned to them to take, he drew up his men, and had only 37 files four deep, besides officers. He ordered them to ground their arms, and there being murmuring among the Windward and Basse Terre Militia, he enquired into the reason of it; one and all replied their wives and children were on the windward side, and that they would go to them. The Colonel ordered presently to beat to arms, and, having drawn up the men, found Capt. Chr. Stoddard and 20 men had deserted; and Colonel and Major, being in the front, perceived some of the Windward men in the rear to go off into the common path. The Colonel called after and ordered their officers to fetch them back, but none would do it. Then the Colonel ordered the outguard for to discover the enemy; whilst this was doing, Captain Will. Kitt bid Colonel Garnett a good night, and told him he would stay there no longer, upon which he marched away, being followed by Captain John Kitt, Lieut. Woodley, Lieut. Cook and some of their men; and Captain Willm. Kitt threatened, in case Col. Garnett offered to stop him by firing upon them, they would return it and bid him fire if he dared. Being acquainted with their mutinous proceedings, I ordered Colonel Garnett to march to the fort with the remaining part of the forces under his command. This day's proceedings was attested as followeth: 1705-6, Feb. 13. James Norton, Ro. Cunningham, etc. 98 deserted at Godding Gutt.

Council of War at Charles Fort. 1705-6, Feb. 18.

1. Proposal by Major-General the enemy be attacked in the rear at embarking.

2. Outforces 1—8 of French Forces.

3. There hath been a scandalous and malicious reflection cast by ill-minded people upon the Hon. Walter Hamilton, Esq., Major-General and Lieut.-Governor of St. Kitts, for not engaging the French Forces on Monday, 11th, at Basse Terre. We, the underwritten, do find ourselves obliged in justice to him to certify that his prudent conduct in retiring to the Pass at Godding and appointing Lieut.-Colonel Payne, who was pushed by a far superior force of enemy near French Sandy Point, was the only means he had to preserve Charles Fort and Brimstone Hill from the enemy, who consist of 3000 men. We do farther certify that it is our opinion that the desertion of Capt. Willm. Kitt, Capt. John Kitt, Capt. Chr. Stoddard and other officers and soldiers to the number of about 100 men from Col. Goddard at Godding Gutt was the only occasion that the Pass fell into the enemies' hands, which would have preserved the Fort, town and plantation of Sandypoint from being ruined. Signed Henry Burrell, etc.

Council of War. 1705-6, Feb. 22.

Proposal by Major-Gen. Hamilton whether Capt. Willm. Kitt, Capt. Chr. Stoddard and Lieut. William Woodley, now prisoners for mutiny and desertion, be brought to a present trial or deferred until the arrival of Hon. Col. Johnson, Commander of the Leeward Isles, who is believed is now at Nevis. Resolved *nem. con.* That the trial of prisoners be dropped until the arrival of the Colonel-in-Chief.

Feb. 25. Last night Com.-in-Chief arrived at Limekiln Bay, came to anchor at the Old Road.

Feb. 26. Com.-in-Chief came to Charles Fort. Appointed a Court Martial for the trial, etc.

Major-Gen. Mitchell, President.	Capt. Waterhouse.
Col. Heriot.	Capt. Biskett.
Lieut.-Col. Hughs.	Capt. Gillard.
Major Temple.	Capt. Davis.
Col. Lambert.	Capt. Shipps.
Lieut.-Col. Payne.	Capt. Russell.
Major Panton.	Capt. Curry.

Henry Burrell, Esq., Judge Advocate.

The Court and officers being duly sworn, Capt. Willm. Kitt, Capt. Chr. Stoddard, Capt. John Kitt and Capt. Willm. Woodley, prisoners, were brought before the board, for mutiny, etc. As soon as the Court was sett, there was delivered in a petition signed by the several prisoners, where they acknowledged the matter to be of fact and humbly prayed the Honble. Court would proceed to trial of them. While said petition being read and it being late in the evening, the President adjourned the Court to the Old Road until 10 of the clock in the morning.

1705-6, Feb. 27, at 10 o'clock. There not being sufficient number, the President ordered the Field Marshall to summon them against 4 of the clock in the afternoon.

Present, Hon. Major-Gen. Mitchell, Col. Heriot, Lieut.-Col. Hughes, Capt. Goar, Capt. Gillard, Lieut.-Col. Payne, Major Temple, Capt. Biskett, Capt. Russell, Henry Burrell, Esq., Judge Advocate.

The Court being sett, the prisoners were ordered to be brought. Col. Garnett and Major Panton were sworn to give an account, who both declared when they halted at Godding Gutt to maintain that post, the Colonel called the officers together to give the order and what advice he could, but Capt. William Kitt stood at some distance, and said he would not go to the fort but would go to the woods to his wife and children. The Colonel replied, you may, but none shall go with you, but the said Kitt with the rest went away; that the Colonel saw them no more until they were brought to the Fort. Mr. Moor, Mr. Denton and Mr. John Gillard was sworn, and declared they heard Capt. Willm. Kitt say he would go to the woods. Upon consideration of the Court, it was awarded that these gentlemen that left their post were guilty of a high misdemeanour, and agreed *nem. con.* that the prisoners lose their commissions until the Commander thought fit, and acknowledge their crimes before the Court Martial, and pay their fees to all officers before they be discharged.

John Helden, Clerk to said Court.

End of the Journal of Col. Hamilton's proceedings.

It seems clear from other letters that the women and children were left exposed to the French attack by some incomprehensible blunder, and that Captains Willm. and John Kitt only did what they conceived to be their duty.

Registers of St. George Nevis, from "Caribbeana."

1722 May 29 Buried Mr. John Kitt.

1718 Buried Elizabeth, dau. of Mr. John Kitt by Frances his wife.
1721 Sept. 8 Baptised John, son of Mr. John Kitt by Frances his wife.

Assessment of natives to serve for public purposes. C.O. 155/6.
1722, March 25.

St. John. Mr. William Kitt, 2 negroes.

Meeting of Assembly in Charlestown, Nevis. Present, Honble. John Dasent, Esq., Speaker.

1732-3	—	William Kitt, Esq.
1733	April 11	Mr. Willm. Kitt.
	April 24	„ „
	May 7	„ „
	May 9	„ „
	May 16	Capt. Wm. Kitt.
	May 21	„ „
	June 6	Willm. Kitt, Esq.
	June 26	Capt. Wm. Kitt.
	Oct. 3	„ „
	Dec. 21	„ „
1733-4	Jan. 5	„ „
	Jan. 9	Wm. Kitt, Esq.
	Jan. 28	Capt. Wm. Kitt.

The captains and misters are not different people, because the whole Assembly gains and loses its titles at the mercy of its clerk.

Negroes to be sent for public works on Saddle Hill. 1736, June 5.

			£	s.	d.
Nathaniel Kitt	18	Negroes	1	7	0
William Kitt	83	„	6	4	6
Jeremiah Kitt	6	„	0	15	0
Frances Kitt	5	„	0	7	6
Catherine Kitt	6	„	0	9	0

Negroes to be sent for public works on Saddle Hill. 1735-6, Feb. 9.

			£	s.	d.
Nathaniel Kitt	18	Negroes	1	7	0
William Kitt	83	„	6	4	6
Jeremiah Kitt	2½	„	0	3	9
Catherine Kitt	6	„	0	9	0

1753. Nathanael Kitt, Esq., Member of Assembly. The only Kitt mentioned.

1734. Desolation of Nevis. No arms. No trade. The trade completely collapsed.

There seems to have been a regular trade route between Woodbridge, Suffolk, and the West Indies in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The salted meat trade alone was considerable. No doubt when Nevis became a forlorn hope as regards plantations, William Kitt came home on the Woodbridge route, probably on the "Prosperous Ann," and became

acquainted with the rather formidable, middle-aged and somewhat litigious Elizabeth Kell, daughter of Joseph Kell of Woodbridge, mariner, and Lord of the Manor of Shottisham, Suffolk. Elizabeth lived with her son first at Woodbridge, and then at Kelsale Manor House with son and daughter-in-law, also a Kell and William's first-cousin. This William Kett was born in 1728. Elizabeth his mother was buried at Woodbridge as the widow of William Kett, Gent., 29 Dec. 1781, aged 94. She was born in 1687, in James II.'s reign. She was a widow when her father died in 1741. In 1737 William Kett of Kelsale was entered at Woodbridge Grammar School. Elizabeth Kett kept tightly to her West Indian designation of Madam. She was always known in Woodbridge and Kelsale as Madam Kett. The name is sometimes written Kitt in the Kelsale Registers, and we have Mary Russell, Elizabeth's cousin, calling her Kitt, but even when in Nevis they signed their names Kett.

"Gentleman's Magazine," 24 Oct. 1741. Death of Captain Kell of Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Will of Joseph Kell, 1741. Boycott, P.C.C.

I, Joseph Kell of Woodbridge, co. Suff., Marriner. I purchased of John Riches and Francis Goyle, ex'ors of the last will of John Ellis, late of Henly, gent., farms in Henly and Waldringfield to the use of Joseph Kell my son and his heirs. Now I give them to my two daughters Elizabeth Kett and Mary Kell, and all that perpetual advowson belonging to the Rectors of the Church of Shottisham with my royalty or Manor of Shottisham Hall. After payment of my debts and funeral expences all my household goods to Mary Kell. I bequeath to my sons William and Joseph Kell, both of whom I have amply and very largely provided for, one gold ring each. To my granddaughter Miriam Kell, daughter of my said son William Kell, the sum of £300 when 21 or when she shall marry (with the consent of said Elizabeth and Mary my daughters). The remainder to Elizabeth Kett and Mary Kell to be equally divided. They shall be executrices. Dated 3 March 1740. Probate 12 Nov. 1741 by Elizabeth Kett, widow, and Mary Kell, spinster, daughters of deceased and ex'ors.

Chancery Proceedings, 28 June 1745.

Elizabeth Kett and Mary Kell, sisters, were ex'ors of their father's will (Joseph Kell of Woodbridge, gent.). Previously, in 1743, the ex'ors filed a document against Joseph Kell, their brother, son of Joseph Kell the elder. In 1728 the father wished to purchase an estate near Henley and Waldringfield and give subsequently to Joseph, his youngest son, by a will he should make. This bequest was apparently not confirmed. After the father's death Joseph possessed himself of the father's boat, the "Prosperous Ann." The executrices gave Joseph, junior, £200 due by the will. He, Joseph junior, then departed this life and left Jonathan Eade and Richard Cracraft ex'ors of his will. He bequeathed to his brother William Kell 1*s*. To Mary Kell 1*s*. To Elizabeth Kell 1*s*. To his cousin Mrs. Mary Russell of Kelshall, widow, £500, etc. Joseph died 4 Sept. at his house in Wellclose Square, near London, and his will was proved at P.C.C. J. Eade and Cracraft took possession of the household goods, plate, linen, china and wearing apparel and arms. They had the things sold by public auction. The date of the will is 29 (*sic*) 9 Jan. 1743. The manors of Foxhall, Rivershall, Markham,

and Newbourne were seized. About 1744 Joseph had fallen out of a chaise and he was weakened in body and understanding. Elizabeth Kett came to Wellclose Square and continued there. She searched Joseph's drawers, says Eade. Mr. Fotherly Baker was Elizabeth Kett's attorney, and he was called in.

Marriage Licence, 1756. A very large document. It concerns a marriage proposed between William Kett of Kelsale, co. Suffolk, and his cousin Miriam, daughter of William and Elizabeth Kell of Maryland Point, co. Essex.

They were married 26 May 1756. William Kett having purchased an estate at Kelsale, they lived in the old Manor House, near the main road. It is an Elizabethan house with two wings and an old oak staircase, panelled rooms, quaint chimneys and fireplaces. The windows of the drawing room have nice bevelled glass. There is a courtyard entrance. It is now a farmhouse.

Davy's Suffolk Collections. Kell family. Add. MS. 5524, fo. 203b, No. 22. Kell Arms : Quarterly, *crenelle argent and sable*. Crest. Of Woodbridge, owner of the manor and advowson of Shottisham, which descended by marriage to the Ketts.

April 11, 1733. Wednesday, "Gentleman's Magazine." Mr. Joseph Kells of Woodbridge, Suffolk, who was seized in the County of Suffolk at the Court of Requests for hissing at Sir Robert Walpole and raising a riot, etc., was admitted to bail in a recognisance of £500. Being asked if he was not hired to come to Westminster, he said he came to solicit against the Excise.

Registers, St. Dunstan's, Stepney.

Joseph, son of Joseph Kell of Wapping, marriner, and Elizabeth uxor., 23 days old, baptised 1688, Oct. 4.

George, son of Joseph Kell of Wapping, marriner, and of Elizabeth uxor., one day old, baptised 1691, Sept. 15.

(This looks as if the Kells once lived at Wapping. George must have died.) I very likely missed out the baptism of William Kell as I was searching for another family.

Woodbridge Quay Chapel. Somerset House. 1713, April. Mrs. Elizabeth Kell became a member. In October 1740 she died.

Nov. 4. A funeral sermon was preached about her. "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life."

This is the wife of Joseph Kell of Woodbridge.

Registers, St. Vedast, Foster Lane.

1721. William Kell of ye parish of St. Bartholomew the Great, London, and Elizabeth Rogers of ye parish of St. Dunstan's, Stepney, in ye County of Middlesex, were married in ye parish church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane, by Mr. James Berrinson. (Marriage Certificate.)

This William Kell was a son of Joseph Kell of Woodbridge. His daughter Miriam married her first-cousin William Kett of Kelsale.

Will of Mary Russell of Kelsale, co. Suffolk.

To be buried in the vault at Kelsale by my late husband. To the poor of Woodbridge. To William Kitt of Woodbridge, gent., £200, land

in Kelsale and Carlton and Walton and Woodbridge to be sold by John Hall of London, distiller, and Gabriel Trusson of Kelsale, gent., my ex'ors, and proceeds, one-third divided among said John Hall, Joshua Bilton of London, distiller, Elizabeth Cockell of London, widow, and Ann Lardner, wife of Edmund Lardner of London, gent., my late husband's relations; other two-thirds to Mary Kell of Woodbridge, spinster, Elizabeth Kitt of Woodbridge, widow, and Miriam, daughter of Willm. Kell, late of London, distiller, deceased. Date 4 July 1754. Proved 12 Oct. 1754 by ex'ors. (283, Pinfold, P.C.C.)

Kelsale Manor Rolls, May 1757.

Ex'ors of the will of Mary Russell, late of Kelsale, appoint Thomas Clarke of Saxmundham, Attorney, to surrender to the use of William Kett of Woodbridge, co. Suffolk, gent., and to his heirs, 1754. William Kett, late of Woodbridge, now of Kelsale, gent., being present.

Kelsale M.I., Chancel.

Mary, wife of Thomas Russell, Esq., died 1754, Sept. 25, aged 83. *Cross argent, a chevron between three crosses fitchée sable.*

M.I. Chancel. Gabriel Trusson, Esq., died 1766, aged 54, and Catherine ux. eldest daughter of Rev. Thos. Bence, rector of this parish, died 8 June 1785, aged 77.

Indenture. Madam Kett and Miss Kell. March 21, 1756. 29 Geo. II.

Between Elizabeth Kett of Kelsale, Suffolk, widow, and Mary Kell of Woodbridge, spinster, and Gabriel Trusson, gent., and Richard Andrews, Surgeon, Woodbridge, messuages in Henly, Newborn, inheritance of their father Joseph Kell, deceased, for one year. (Signed) Elizth. Kett, Mary Kell.

Kelsale Manor Rolls. Belonging to Mrs. Bence Lambert of Thorington Hall, Suffolk, with Thomas Eggar, Old Steyne, Brighton, Solicitor. May 1757. Comes Thomas Clarke, gent., and brings with him into Court and there presents that Jonathan Ball of London, distiller, and Gabriel Trusson of Kelsale, co. Suffolk, ex'ors of the will of Mary Russell, late of Kelsale, widow, appoint Thomas Clarke of Saxmundham, attorney, to surrender. To use of William Woodbridge, gent., and of his heirs, 1754. Jonathan Hall, Gabriel Trusson, William Kett, late of Woodbridge, now of Kelsale, gent., being present. He takes up 332 acres of land and a residence, £45 was paid by him for these parcels of copyhold land. The entry is a very long one.

William Kett of Woodbridge, who entered the Grammar School in 1737 was the William Kett of Kelsale born 1728, called William Kett late of Woodbridge 1756. He was the son of Elizabeth Kett, widow of William Kett, gent., which Elizabeth was buried in Woodbridge churchyard 29 Dec. 1781, aged 94. (V. Redstone, Woodbridge.)

Kett Arms: *Or, a lion rampant gules between three leopards' heads sable.* Crest: *On a mount vert a peacock proper.* Motto: Rara avis in terris. Granted to William Kett of Kelsale in the County of Suffolk, 1756. (Edmondson's Heraldry, Appendix.)

William Kett had previously used the arms used by the Ketts of Diss, and he was unable to establish his connection with this family, therefore

the Garter granted him a new or adapted coat. He had previously used the lion passant regardant as a crest, and this is to be seen on the door-knocker of the Manor House, Kelsale. I found an old inhabitant, Bastard by name, who still remembered him, whose Aunt had been William Kett's cook.

Davy's Suffolk MS. Married 1756, May 26. William Kett, Esq., to Miss Kell. ("London Magazine," May 1756, p. 249.)

Settlement on the intended marriage between Mr. William Kett of Kelsale and Miss Miriam Kell of Maryland Point, West Ham, Essex. Date 25 May 1756. Miriam Kell is the daughter of William Kell, eldest son of Joseph Kell, Woodbridge. Elizabeth Kett, also daughter of Joseph Kell, Woodbridge, is one of the parties concerned. Mr. Gabriel Trusson is one of the trustees. The Trussons were an old Suffolk family that lived at Kelsale; they were related to the Kells. William Kett of Kelsale settles his land and houses at Kelsale on Miriam Kell and their joint heirs for ever.

Kelsale Registers.

1757 July 7 William, son of Mr. William and Miriam Kitt, baptised.

Certificate of birth. William, son of William and Miriam Kett, was born May 29. Witness our hands.

(Signed) Catherine Trusson.
G. Baker, Surgeon.

1759 June 2. Elizabeth, dau. of William and Miriam Kitt or Kett, baptised.

(This Elizabeth must have died; we hear no more about her.)

The north side of Woodbridge churchyard there is a large square tomb, the handsomest there. Freestone with a black slab at the top. Here lieth entombed the body of Mrs. Elizabeth Kell, who departed this life the 22 Octr. 1740 in the 76th year of her age. Also here lieth interred the body of Mr. Joseph Kell, who left this life 16th Octr. 1741, aged 87 years. Also the body of William Kett of Kelsale, who died Sept. 23, 1820, aged 93 years. And of Miriam, late Kell, his wife, who died June 19, 1759, aged 31. Also of Elizabeth, widow of William Kett, Gent., and daughter of Joseph Kell, buried 29 Dec. 1781, aged 94.

Arms of Baylie of Kelsale, Wrentham: *Argent, on a fess between three martlets gules, azure, many herauts.* Davy's MS., British Museum.

Kelsale, Saxmundham, Registers. Marriages.

1768 Jan. 5 William Kett, widower, and Elizabeth Baylie, by licence.

The Rev. Martin Baylie, Rector of Wrentham and Kelsale, married Eleanor, daughter of . . . . Pugh, Esq. Their children were—

Eleanor, who married Edward Vaughan, Esq., of Fressingfield. Eleanor was born 1741.

Elizabeth, who married William Kett of Kelsale. She was married 1769 and was born 1743.

Mary, who married Reginald Heber of Hodnet, Salop, and Morton Hall, Yorks. They had a son Richard Heber, Esq., of Hodnet Moss.

Reginald Heber married secondly Mary, eldest dau. of Cuthbert Allanson, D.D. They had Reginald Heber, Bishop of Calcutta, and Thomas and Mary Heber.

Marriage Settlement of William Kett, widower, and Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. Martin Baylie, Rector of Kelsale and Wrentham. Elizabeth Kett, widow, mother of William, was still alive. William gets £800 and settles his mother's manor of Shottisham on Elizabeth, his second wife, and gets lands and farms at St. Cross and St. Nicholas. This document is between five people. Elizabeth Kett, senr., is spoken of as daughter of Joseph Kell of Woodbridge.

Kelsale Registers. Baptisms.

1771 Mary, daughter of William and Elizabeth Kett. Mar. 11.
1780 Martin Joseph, son of William and Elizabeth Kett. Nov. 14.

This Elizabeth Kett, daughter of William Kett and Elizabeth Baylie, William Kett's second wife, was baptized at Kelsale 2 June 1769. She married 5 April 1790 John Darby of Diss.

Marriages.

1790 April 5 John Darby of Diss and Elizabeth Kett, both single.

There is a marriage settlement of Elizabeth Kett, daughter of William and Elizabeth Kett of Kelsale, and John Darby of Diss, surgeon. Dated March 1790.

Davy's Suffolk Collection. Monday was named at Kelsale, Mr. John Darby, Junr., Surgeon, of Diss, Norfolk, and Miss Kett, eldest daughter of William Kett, Esq., of Kelsale, in this county. "Ipswich Journal," 10 April 1790.

Kelsale Charities. Davy MS., 1797. Surviving Trustees. Sir John Blois, Bart., William Kett, T. Trusson.

1810. Trustees appointed. William Kett, Esq., Sir Charles Blois, Bart.

It is remembered in Kelsale that William Kett always drove a mail-phaeton. He drove every day to Fisher's, his bailiff. He continued to drive himself to within a fortnight of his death.

Lately died at the advanced age of 93, much respected, William Kett, Esq., of Kelsale. "Ipswich Journal," 7 Oct. 1820.

He was a man of considerable character, and had all his faculties to the end. The men I questioned were old men who quoted what their fathers had told them.

Will of William Kett of Kelsale. Dated 10 Aug. 1790. Codicil dated 15 Sept. 1815.

He leaves his property to his second wife Elizabeth Kett *née* Baylie, with reversion to his daughters Elizabeth Darby and Mary Kett. Elizabeth Kett and the Rev. William Kett were appointed ex'ors, but by the codicil Elizabeth Darby and Mary Kett are appointed executrices.

1826. Wednesday [1826], at Yoxford in her 83rd year, Elizabeth, relict of William Kett, Esq., of Kelsall, and last surviving daughter of the Rev. Martin Baylie, M.A., of Kelsall and Wrentham. "Ipswich Journal."

The Rev. William Kett, M.A., son of William Kett of Kelsale, Esq., by Miriam Kell his first wife, was born 29 May 1757. He was sent to Beccles School, which was a good one for that time.

1774. William Kett, son of William of Kelsale, was admitted to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. Aged 17.

There is a letter from William Kett's tutor which I will transcribe in full.

Letter from R. Fisher, Caius College, Cambridge, S.P., to Mr. William Kett, Kelsale, near Saxmundham, Suffolk.

"Jan. 25, 1779.

Sir,

The Business of Degrees in the university is just now finished & I have the pleasure of informing you that your son has done much Credit to himself as well as to his College. I can assure you as long as I have read Lectures to him as a private tutor he has paid me all the attention I cd. wish, in short his conduct has been such during the whole time that he has been a member with us, that he has gain'd the approbation of our whole society. The Honour the University has confer'd upon him is that of a Senior Optime. The satisfaction a Father must feel in hearing of his son's merit induc'd me to trouble you with this.

Am Sr Yr. very Hble. Servt.

(Signed) R. Fisher."

I think this is the only time that this family shewed mathematical talent.

William Kett took Holy Orders, and in due course became Deacon and Priest. The living at Shottisham may have been some inducement, but there can be no doubt whatever that he was a most excellent parish priest. He was kind and generous and most sincerely loved by all. He had strong sporting tastes, but they did not interfere with his ministrations to his parishioners.

Yoxford Registers.

William Kett of the parish, singleman, and Charlotte Garneys of the parish, singlewoman, married in this Church by licence the 27th day of June 1782 by me Daniel Copland, Vicar.

The marriage was solemnized between us

William Kett, Junr.
Charlotte Garneys.

In the presence of E. Turner, Elizabeth Woodcock.

Thursday last was married at Yoxford the Rev. William Kett to Miss Garnish of the same place. "Ipswich Journal," 29 June 1782.

Instituted Thursday the Rev. Wm. Kett to the Vicarage of Darsham in Suffolk on the presentation of Sir John Rouse, Bart. "Ipswich Journal," 28 March 1789. (He held it till 1832.)

Ipswich Wills, 1798, fo. 41, No. 35.

John Garneys of Wribleton, Suffolk, Surgeon. Settlement made in marriage of my daughter Charlotte with Rev. Mr. Willm. Kett of Melton, Suffolk, Clerk. Land in Yoxford to said William Kett in occupation of Thomas Garneys of Kenton. Dated 2 Feb. 1797. Proved Sept. 1798.

The Garneys family is of Norman descent, bearing arms *Argent, a chevron engrailed azure between three escallops sable.* Crest: *A mermaid*

attiring herself in the sea proper. Old crest: *A cubit arm erased grasping a scymitar embossed, all proper, hilt and pommel or.* Motto: Goddess Grace Governe Garneys.

Robert Garnoise, living 1194, 6 Richard I., held lands in Chippenhall in Fressingfield. Robert Garneys of Laxfield, *temp.* John, granted 3 acres of land in Laxfield to the Monks of Sibton. No connected pedigree has been traced to earlier than Edward III.'s reign. Then the pedigree is consecutive to Charlotte Garneys; she was of royal descent through the Dades of Tannington and the Cornwallises of Brome, Suffolk. Herbert, Earl Kitchener, and his brother are descended from the Garneys through their mother Frances, daughter of the Rev. John Chevalier, whose grandmother was Jane Garneys.

Will of Elizabeth Kell of Sibton, co. Suffolk, widow. P.C.C., 79, Bever.

Being of sound mind, my body to be committed to the earth to be decently interred by my old friend Mr. James Brown of Saxmundham. To my great-grandchildren William Kett and John Kett, sons of my Grandson the Rev. William Kett of Sibton and Charlotte his now wife, a bond now in my possession, bearing date 1757, carrying interest at the rate of 4 per cent., with the conditional obligation of the just and true payment of £200, to be equally shared at the age of 21. Interest to be paid to my said grandson William Kett until his said children respectively attain the age of 21. The residue to my grandson William Kett of Sibton, and he to be ex'or.

(Signed) Elizth. Kell.

Dated 25 Jan. 1785. Probate 5 Feb. 1791 by the Rev. William Kett, Clerk, grandson of deceased and sole ex'or. *Née* Elizabeth Rogers married William Kell, son of Joseph Kell, and was the mother of Miriam Kell, first wife of William Kett of Kelsale.

Woodbridge Church Notes. Davy's MS., 19,097.

1794, Aug. 23. John Kett, son of William Kett, Clerk, of Melton, aged 7 years, buried in the family vault.

1794, Sept. 4. William Kett, son of William Kett, Clerk, of Melton, aged 9 years, buried in the family vault.

Land Tax 1798, Loes Hundred, Woodbridge thoroughfare.

Proprietor.	Occupier.	Assessed value. £ s. d.
Rev. W. Kett	Himself	8 8 0
	Blything Hundred.	
Darsham	Rev. W. Kett	1 8 0

Shottisham Church, Suffolk.

To the Memory of the Rev. William Kett A.M. formerly of Caius College, Cambridge and upwards of fifty years Rector of this parish who died suddenly 30th July 1832.
Aged 75 years.
Deeply lamented and most sincerely beloved by his family.

ALSO

Charlotte his beloved wife
who died 12th March 1849
Aged 89 years.

Died 12th inst. at Shottisham, having nearly compleated her 90th year, Charlotte relict of the Rev. William Kett, late Rector of the above parish. "Ipswich Journal," 17 March 1849.

Captain Thomas Kett, son of the Rev. William Kett, Shottisham.

He was educated at Woodbridge Grammar School.

Tuesday the 11th instant was named at Southwick, Hants, T. Kett, Esq., Captain in the East Suffolk Militia, to Miss Bowring, eldest daughter of Joseph Bowring, Esq. "Ipswich Journal," 29 Aug. 1812.

Thursday died at his house at Bealings Thomas Kett, Esq., Captain and Adjutant of the East Suffolk Militia. "Ipswich Journal," 4 May 1820.

CHARLES GARNEYS KETT.

Charles Garneys Kett was educated with his brothers at Woodbridge Grammar School. Afterwards he went as a gentleman cadet to Woolwich, and he served at the Battle of Waterloo in the Royal Regiment of Artillery.

My grandfather Charles Garneys Kett was appointed to be Gentleman Cadet of the Cadet Company 21 November 1809 at 14 years of age, and after going through the regular routine at Marlowe and Woolwich obtained his commission as 2nd Lieutenant 13 Dec. 1813. He was promoted to be 1st Lieutenant 14 Sept. 1817 and consequently (counting two years granted for the battle of Waterloo, at which he fought) in 1831 he had served twenty years. Then he went on recruiting service, but his health became so bad that he went before a medical board and was placed on Subaltern's half-pay. So grateful was his country! His malady probably owed its origin to damp and severe fatigue when on active service. He and his family left Cowley 1835, when he was appointed to Lieutenant's full pay. He had previously been recruiting in Woodbridge, where my father Charles William Kett was born. My grandfather was a very graphic and vivacious letter writer: his letters after Waterloo and during the occupation of Paris are most interesting comments on the doings and the men of this time. He was very frankly shocked at Parisian manners and customs.

On the 17th instant was married at St. James, Westminster, by the Rev. Tho. Murray Browne, Charles Garneys Kett, Esq., of the Royal Regt. of Artillery, to Marion, eldest daughter of William Stodart.

Diary of Rev. William Kett, Rector of Shottisham, Suffolk.

1831, June 26, Sunday. Administered the Sacrament at Shottisham.

Bawdsey Evening. My daughter Marion safely delivered of a boy at ½ past 2 o'clock.

June 27th, Monday. Went with Miriam to Woodbridge to see Marion and baptised my grandson by the name of Charles William; rained heavily.

Kelsale Manor Rolls. 1835, Aug. 17. Charles Kett is admitted to a cottage and garden, 13 acres 3 roods 13 perches between the footpath in Carlton and a way there on the North.

1841, Dec. 14. In Avenue Road, Regent's Park, Charles Garneys Kett, Esq., late of the Royal Artillery. Aged 47. "St. James' Chronicle," 14 to 16 Dec. 1841.

My grandmother proved a very devoted wife during her husband's long illness of 20 years. Her marriage portion must have helped considerably in maintaining a London house and educating their son at King's College School and the daughter at Queen's College.

Marion Kett *née* Stodart, my grandmother, was a widow in 1841. She, however, married again, the Rev. William Hayes, Chaplain of St. Katherine's Royal Hospital, Regent's Park, and also Assistant Master at King's College School, Strand. He died 31 March 1888.

Marion Hayes was born 10 April 1803, and died 14 April 1882. She had a very charming personality and was an accomplished musician. Her father was William Stodart, the pianoforte maker, of 32 Golden Square, and her mother was Janet Wilkie, a near relation of Sir David Wilkie, the great painter. In William Cunningham's "Life of David Wilkie" the Stodarts are often mentioned.

William Stodart gave David an introduction to the Earl of Mansfield, who was one of Wilkie's first patrons. Mr. Stodart also had his own portrait painted by him, which portrait is an excellent example of Wilkie's skill and conscientiousness and breadth of treatment. Personal reminiscences of David Wilkie's genial, gracious and gentle manner have been handed down in the family. Also his way of pausing slightly as he entered a room and taking in the general effect.

"Ipswich Journal," 7 Oct. 1843. Monday 28th ultimo at Christ Church, Marylebone, the Rev. William Hayes of King's College, London, to Marion, widow of the late Charles G. Kett, Esq., R.A.

A letter from C. G. Kett to his father, dated 19 Sept. 1831, mentions the baby Charles. "Mr. baby has been very well since we left Woodbridge and grows very fast, tell my mother he begins to be very pleased with looking at his hands." William Kett of Shottisham had a beautiful hand, and this beauty descended to his grandson. Again, 6 March 1832, C.G.K. mentions going soon to Cowley. "Tell my mother dear little baby is to have his hair cut for the first time, the first fine day, he is going on quite as well as ever, and his two little teeth make a grand appearance when he laughs." At Cowley another child was born, Marion Charlotte, named after her mother and grandmother. She subsequently married Samuel Croker, Esq., a member of the ancient Devonshire family of Croker of Yealmpton and Ipplepen, a younger son of which founded the family of Irish Crokers of which John Wilson was so distinguished a member.

My grandmother was a very sociable woman and had many good and distinguished friends and acquaintances. In the middle of the nineteenth century many well-known people lived round Regent's Park. St. Katherine's formed a little society of its own. Ladies who had been Maids of Honour to Queen Victoria and Ladies-in-Waiting or the Royal Princesses' governess, were made Sisters of St. Katherine's. The Princesses were frequent visitors at the Hospital.

My grandmother died after a long painful illness most patiently borne. She is buried at Kensal Green Cemetery with her first and second husband. Grave 3140.

The inscription is: Marion, daughter of William and Janet Stodart, wife of Lieut. Kett, R.A., and of 2ndly the Rev. William Hayes, born 10 April 1803, died 14 April 1882.

Also of

The Rev. William Hayes, M.A., for 42 years Assistan Master in King's College School, London, and for 44 years Chaplain of St. Kathe-

rine's Royal Hospital, Regent's Park, son of the Rev. William Hayes, Rector of Langdon Hills, born 22 Jan. 1813, died 31 March 1888.

Charles William Kett, my father, after being at King's College School, went to Magdalen Hall, Oxford, now called Hertford College. He matriculated 4 Dec. 1854, aged 23, and took his B.A. 1858, his M.A. 1861. He became Assistant Master at King's College School 1866, Alumni Oxoniensis.

He married Louisa Harward, daughter of the Rev. John Harward, Vicar of Wirksworth, Derbyshire. John Harward was descended from a Shropshire family of Harward settled at Prees Salop before 1300, and claiming descent from Hereward the son of Leofric, King of Mercia, by his second wife, Aelthwic. He is wrongly called the Wake, a nickname of a family of later date. Hereward held lands at Bourne in Lincolnshire, and in Warwickshire, which latter came to him through his mother, and it is claimed by the Warwickshire Harwards that they are still in possession of some of this land. Anyhow Hereward is down in Domesday under T. E. and T. W. There is little doubt that the Shropshire branch is a younger scion of the Warwickshire Harwards.

They were always Herward, and are no relation of the Harwoods or Haywards or Howards. The name was occasionally misspelt Harwood, but never by themselves. The Shropshire branch settled in Hampshire, and were found at Odiham, where they were lords of Roke Manor. Some of them went to Portsea subsequently, and from the old house at Portsea my great grandfather went to Oxford, to Trinity College.

The third son of the Rev. William Kett of Shottisham was William Kell Kett.

Tuesday last was married at Wrennington in Essex, William Kell Kett, Esq., Surgeon, of Hollesley, to Phœbe Susanna, eldest daughter of Richard Frisby, Esq., of the former place. "Ipswich Journal," 26 April 1828.

William Kell Kett is buried at Shottisham. They had no children.

The 4th son was Edward Rogers Kett.

In Alumni Oxoniensis this occurs: Kett, Edward Rogers, "pharmacopulo" privilegiatus, 6 May 1829, aged 29.

On the 15th instant was married Mr. Edward Rogers Kett of Oxford to Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr. Plowman. "Ipswich Journal," 20 Sept. 1834.

He must have been 35 when he married. Edward Kett and his wife afterwards went to New South Wales, where they had many children, but they have unfortunately been lost sight of.

Died the 12th inst. at Shottisham, in the 78th year of her age, Mary, youngest daughter of William Kett, Esq., of Kelsale in this County. 19 Aug. 1848.

She was a daughter of Elizabeth Baylie. She lived at Shottisham with her niece Miriam Kett, also unmarried. They are in the old Suffolk directories. Afterwards Miriam Kett had a house in Ipswich, and there she died.

My father Charles William Kett was Reader at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, and Curate at Christ Church, Newgate Street. He wrote a life of Rubens. He also contributed to many well-known magazines. He was a very hard worker, and a very conscientious teacher. He was also extremely interested in the fine arts.

CHAPTER VIII.

RICHARD KETT, son of Robert Kett.

The circumstantial evidence of this proposition is very satisfactory, but at the same time it is all we have. Richard Loye and George were always helping William, Robert the Rebel's eldest son.

Chanc. Proc., Series ii., 1558—1579. Bundle 85, H 72.
Heath *versus* Kett.

Michael Heath of Beeston next Myleham, co. Norfolk, gent., offered to sell a messuage to Richard Kett of Wessenden, yeoman.

By indenture 1575 between the two, that Plaintiff and Amy his wife and Thos. Heath his brother and Jane his wife should suffer all reasonable things in the law for the better assurance of the premises freehold and copyhold to said Kett and his heirs, in an obligation for £400 for performance of covenants, and another for £200 for redemption of certain copyhold lands then mortgaged to John Wingfield, agent, for £140. Thomas Heath wishes to be discharged for covenants, and plaintiff feared the full penalty of £400. He is willing to become bound to said Kett and his heirs and concerning the dowry of Jane, wife of Thos. Heath. Kett has refused to accept the sureties, and threatened to put the bond in suit, saying plaintiff stands bound to assure him of certain demesne lands lying amongst the land sold by plaintiff, who never intended to include them.

Index to Norfolk Pedigrees, by Walter Rye. K.R. 25, 151.

Richard Kett subscribed £25 towards the defence of the country *temp.* the Armada.

Will of Richard Kett of Beeston next Myleham.

Legacies to poor of Beeston, Wyndham and Myleham. He leases two tenements to the Rector and inhabitants of Beeston for this purpose for ever. George Fynderne, my wife's grandchild. My brother Loye Kett, Richard Croske, son of Thomas Croske of Cockley Clay. To Sara Kett my god-daughter, daughter of Robert Kett of Norwich. To John Este godchild son of Nicholas Este. To Margery my wife my lands for life, and then to my brother Loye Kett and his male heirs for ever, in default to Robert son of George Kett. Elizabeth Fynderne my wife's daughter and Margaret the daughter of my brother Loye Kett. To each child of Henry Kett of Wymondham, son of my brother Loye Kett. Margery my wife sole executrix. John Forby, Clerk, parson of Beeston, supervisor. Date 18 May 1601. Proved 7 Oct. 1601 by ex'or. Consist. Court, Norwich, 1601, fo. 141.

Remarks by the Rev. F. W. Bartlett, Rector of Beeston near Myleham.
27 July 1903. Beeston Rectory, Swaffham.

In the Church Register, Beeston. Translation.

1601. Richard Kett *alias* Knyght, a man of sixty-seven years of age, in the structure of the members of his body very well-proportioned and in

the stature and tallness of the same very remarkable, passed away piously and happily on the 28th day of September and was buried the next day, the 29th of the same, surrounded by a great multitude of friends and a great concourse of the poor, to the number, as it seemed, of three or four hundred, to whom a distribution was both piously and liberally made. He lies buried beside his wife before the entrance of the chancel under a black marble slab there.

He gave and confirmed by his last will to the town (appointing, to wit, myself, John Forbie, clerk, rector here, and many others as trustees, and our heirs and his heirs of all our heirs in perpetual succession) certain tenements with their appurtenances in Beeston built in a street called Leitchgate street, and situated in the lower part of it, between roads on both sides there as well as the south as the north near a messuage of one Adam Crowe, but for the only use and assistance of the poor of the same town. He gave also to the Church here 20 marks to be expended on the repairs of the steeple of the same church, then about to be repaired, also 40*s*. with which the highest window above the rood loft was glazed.

Translated. A.D. 1603. Martin Lynlie and Margery Kett were married at Great Dunham on the 23rd day of the month of June A.D. 1603. Anno 1616 Margery Lynlie, wife of Martin Lynlie and formerly of Richard Kett, and of one John Forbie of Wesenham, and the most virtuous mother of me John Forbie, rector of this Church, after she had passed the ninetieth year of her life (for she lived even to the third generation, and almost to the fourth, which she would have reached in the second year from her death if she had lived) piously and happily died, without any mortal sickness, but by her decrepit old age alone, on the tenth day of January, and on the following day of the same, after a solemn sermon made by a very learned man, Mr. Dr. Warde of Great Fransham and rector there, with a concourse of many people, was buried and lies beside Richard Kett her husband, before the door of the chancel, to wit, under a white marble slab there.

A.D. 1613. Martin Lynlie, who had lately married one Margery Kett, now dead, sometime relict of Richard Kett, a most friendly townsman of this town, for the second time took to wife on the 9th day of June, Ann Balye, most recently relict of one Hilary Balye, long since defunct. In this way therefore the same Martin (who also had lived virtuously, peaceably and ever piously) became possessed of the household possessions of those two very rich men. The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof.

Remarks by the Rev. F. W. Bartlett, Rector, 27 July 1903. Beeston Rectory, Swaffham.

As Richard Kett was 67 in 1601, his birth and baptism would not fall within the period recorded in the Register, which begins 1538. There does not appear to be any record of his marriage, and if there were the parents' names would not be given. Richard Kett was the Rector's stepfather, as the Rector's father was of Weasenham. Richard Kett's marriage with the widow may have taken place there; she was about thirteen years older than Kett, and after his death married a third time at the age of 82 or thereabouts. The words in which her son states how nearly she lived to see the fourth generation are rather a "bull," and remind one of the Irishman's answer when asked how long Mr. O'Flanigan had been dead. "Well, your honour, if he had lived till

to-morrow he would have been dead a fortnight." The subsequent very judicious marriage of Mrs. Kett's third husband is instructive, and the pious reflection with which the record of it ends is very like the motto placed over the door of his house by a clergyman in the Lake district, who had married two or three heiresses in succession: "God's providence is my inheritance."

On the page after that in which Richard Kett's burial is recorded, there is an extract from his will in English, concerning the tenements left by him for the benefit of the poor, with the schedule of the rental and the rules made by the trustees for the distribution of the money. On the same page, with the third marriage of Mrs. Kett, there is the record of the erection of certain pews in the Church, one for his or her tenants, which is repeated among a number of notes about the Church and parish later on in the book. Richard Kett (who spells his name Kette) signs the register as churchwarden from the beginning till the date of his death. But the signature must refer only to the authentification of the copies made in 1598 by John Forbie, rector, from the old paper records. John Forbie's two churchwardens sign all these pages, though in the earlier ones the name of the rector for the time takes the place of Forbie's signature. In several cases the writing in which the former rector's name is inserted looks very like R. Kett's. Then the Kett who signs the pages in the register is no doubt the same man who died in 1601. The black and white slabs covering the remains of Kett and his wife are or were "ante ostum sacelli" or "ante ingressum sacelli."

CHAPTER IX.

LOYE KETT, son of Robert Kett.

Manor of Wymondham Abbey. Church Chest.

1583, May 15. Bond of Henry Gurling, citizen of Norwich, to John Symonds and John de Wymondham, yeoman, for £5. He had for £20 to replace and match "the South side of the Gildehowse called the Gilde Hall, Wymondham." Signed 1580.

Redd sealed and delivered in the presence of Loye Kett, etc.

1584. Marriage Licences, Norwich.

1584, March 27. Loicus Knight *alias* Kett of Wymondham, yeoman. Elizabeth Wetherley of Frammingham, widow.

Subsidies collected under the Privy Seal. 1604. Loye Kett, £10.

Loye Kett must have been married before he married Elizabeth Wetherley, because his son Henry should be a little older than twenty-six when he died. Nor could George Kett, eldest son of Henry, have presented his father's will in Court at four or five years old. Later on we find George Kett is married in 1611.

Manor of Wicklewood Ampuors, Norfolk.

1608. At this Court comes John Symonds and surrenders a pightle called Ampuers Pightle, containing half an acre and 3 roods of meadow in Crownthorpe, to the use of Henry Kett *alias* Knight, senior, and his heirs.

1611, Sept. 30. At this Court the death of Henry Kett, who held lands of the Manor, is presented, and George Kett is found to be his son and heir and is of full age, who accordingly comes and is admitted to a pightle called Ampuers, etc., and the said George Kett at the same Court surrenders the same to Thos. Skippe, Gent., the Lord of the Manor.

Wymondham, Grishaugh, Court Lete.

1588, Aug. 1. Thos. Kett, Senr., fined for suit of Court.

Henry Kett and John Kett are "carnatores" and sell their meat without a heart, contrary to law, and are fined 6*d*. each. John Gedney and Robert Kett are shopkeepers.

1615, Sept. 29. Grishaugh Norton. To this Court come Thomas Mallard and Agnes his wife and surrender a messuage, etc., to use of Henry Kett, his heirs and assigns (mortgage).

1611, Oct. 9. Grishaugh. It was found at the Court that Henry Kett died, and now comes George Kett, one of the sons of the said Henry, and produced his will dated 6 June 1611, in which he bequeaths "the messuage I bought of Richard Kett called the 'Lyon' to my son George," who prays admission to a messuage in Middletown opposite the Chapel of St. Thomas, seizin by the rod.

The conjunction of the name here is curious. Mallard is a well-known name in Wymondham now, and the Mallard family, who have a post and livery stables, live opposite the Chapel of St. Thomas, no doubt in the house formerly known as the "Lyon." The first time

I went to Wymondham I had rooms in this house. It is not quite clear, however, that this is the house surrendered on mortgage 1611 by Thomas Mallard, because Henry Kett says he bought it of Richard Kett.

Will of Henry Kett of Wymondham, co. Norfolk, yeoman.

To Amye Kett my wife and Loye Kett my father the messuage I live in for the lives of the longer liver, remainder to son George. To said Amye and Loye Kett tenements for life and remainder to son Thomas. Messuage called the Lyon bought of Richard Kett to son Thomas. To Richard Kett, son, £100 at 26. To Henry Kett, son, £100 at age of 26. To Elizabeth Kett, daughter, £40. Father Loye Kett and wife Amye to be executors. Thomas Nell, Edward Sharpe, Esaye Freeman, Thomas Kett, Robert Davy, witnesses. Dated 6 June 1611. Proved 24 July 1611. Norf. Archd. Register, 1611, fo. 107.

GEORGE KETT, brother of Loye.

1612, Aug. 4. George Kett comes and surrenders lands and tenements (the White Lyon) formerly of Henry Kett his father, and which said George took up under his said father's will, at Court 9 Oct. 1611, and the Lord regrants the same to said George and Elizabeth his wife and their heirs.

Will of Loye Kett of Crownthorpe, co. Norfolk, yeoman.

To the poor people of Wymondham, that is, the blind and lame and very aged, 20s. Whereas £100 is given by Henry Kett my late son by his will to Henry Kett his son, and which by no means can be performed by the reason of so many and great debts of the said Henry therefore, but of my love and affections, etc., I give to the said Henry Kett my grandchild £50. Richard Kett, grandchild, £50 and bedstead, etc. As for Thomas Kett, grandchild, as his father gave him the best portion testator merely leaves him a small amount. To Margaret my daughter the wife of Christopher Breeze. To Elizabeth Kett, grandchild. George Kett, grandchild, to be sole executor, and my loving kinsman Loye Agas my godson to be "ayding my yong executor." Dated 10 Jan. 1614-15. Proved 22 March 1614-15. Norf. Archd. Register, 1614, fo. 415.

1617. Michaelmas Fine. Richard Kett querent (son of Henry Kett) and John Middleton and Ann his wife and George Kett and Elizabeth his wife.

Additional Charter No. 14,950, Brit. Mus.

Indenture by which Edward Colman of Wymondham, yeoman, and Ann his wife levy a fine on a messuage called the King's Head in Wymondham in favour of Henry Kett of Diss, mercer, and Francis Lawes of Wymondham, grocer, dated 31 July 1626, with signature of Henry Kett.

Will of Henry Kett of Dysse, co. Norfolk, Mercer.

John Kett eldest son, Henry Kett son, Thomas Kett son, Richard Kett son, Mary Kett daughter. Mary Kett wife, sole executor. Brother Richard Kett of Norwich and brother Camell to be overseers. Robert Camell, Elizabeth Camell, William Camell, witnesses. Signed, Henry Kett. Dated 28 March 1651. Proved (no proof recorded). Norf. Archd. Court, Original Wills, 1651-2, No. 89.

1636, Fine Trinity. Christian Hawne Querent *v.* Richard Kett and Anne his wife, 2 messuages in Wymondham. "Misc. Gen. et Herald.," 4th Series, Vol. 4.

Banco Regis, 25 Chas. II., Vol. 399. Hatton *v.* Read. Houses and ground in the parish of St. Peter Mancroft, next to Cannon Street on the north and houses of Richard Kett on the east.

Faculty Office of Marriage Licences.

Date 16 May 1665. Between Loy Kett, Clerk of the parish of Silkston, co. York, widower, and Mary Lee of the parish aforesaid, a maiden of 32 years. To marry at St. Gregory, London.

This Loye Kett was Vicar of Silkstone from 1664. Henry Quilsh of St. Peter's, Cornhill, London, draper, and Jonathan Downing, Silkstone, are his sureties for the first fruits. The income was £61 12*s*. He must belong to this branch of the family.

Administration of John Kett of Diss.

Administration of his estate was granted to John Kett his father, 23 Nov. 1679. Epis. Consist. Court of Norwich.

Diss Register.

1679	Nov.	John, son of John Kette, gent., bur. the 22nd.
1594	July	William Kett and Bridget Couper, mar. the 7th.
1621-2	Mar.	John, the son of Thos. Kett, bapt. the 17th day.
1624	Aug.	John, the son of Henry Kett, bapt. the 8th day.
1624	Aug.	Elizabeth, the daughter of Thomas Kett, bapt. the 19th.
1626	July	Henry, the son of Henry Kette, bapt. the 30th.
1627	May	Thomas, the son of Thomas Kette, bapt. the 29th.
1629	Dec.	Thomas, the son of Henry Kette, bapt. the 25th.
1630	Aug.	Thomas, the son of Thomas Kette, bapt. the 18th.
1629	Oct.	John, the son of Thos. Kette, bur. the 7th.
1632	July	Richard, the son of Henry Kette, bapt. the 8th.
1635	Aug.	Jeremie, the son of Henry Kette, bapt. the 2nd.
1635	Dec.	Jeremie, the son of Henry Kette, bur. the 10th day.
1638	—	Mary, the dau. of Henery & Mary Kett, bapt. the 20th.
1646	—	John, the son of John Kett, bapt. the 25th day.
1652	[*torn*]	John, the son of John and Margaret Kett, bapt.
1652	—	John, the son of John and Margaret Kett, bur.
1654	Nov.	John, the son of John and Margaret Kett, was born the 20th day.
1657	May	Mary Kett, widow, was buried the 3rd day.
1659	May	Thomas Kett was buried the 20th day.
1660	April	Thomas, the son of John and Mary Kett, bapt. the 19th.
1660	April	Mary, the wife of John Kett, bur. the 20th day.
1661	June	Henry, the son of John Kett, bapt. the 18th day.
1665	June	Susanna, the dau. of John and Susanna Kett, bapt. the 14th day.
1670-1	Mar.	Charles, the son of John Kett, bapt. the 7th day.
1677	Mar.	Susanna, the wife of John Kett, gent., bur. the 22nd day.
1677	Oct.	Margaret, the wife of John Kett, bur. the 18th day.
1679	Nov.	John, the son of John Kett, gent., bur. the 22nd day.
1681-2	Mar.	John, the son of John and Phillipa Kett, gent., bapt. the 2nd day.

1684 Aug. Phillipa, dau. of John and Phillipa Kett, bapt. the 6th.
1692 July John Kett, gent., bur. the 15th.
1696 July Charles, the son of Charles Kett of Colney, gent., bur. the 10th.
1696 June Charles Kett of Colney, gent., bur. the 3rd.
1708 Feb. John Kett, bur. the 15th.
1734-5 Jan. Phillis Kett, widow, bur. the 21st.

Wortham Diss Register.

1651 John Kett married Margaret Lanham.

1626. Add. Charter 14,950. Indenture by which Edward Colman of Wymondham, Grocer, and Ann his wife levy a fine on a messuage called King's Head in Wymondham in favour of Henry Kett of Diss, mercer, and Francis Lawes of Wymondham, grocer. 31 May 1626. With signature of Henry Kett.

1626. Fine Michaelmas. Between Henry Kett and Francis Lawes querent, and Edward Colman and Ann his wife, deforciants, of a messuage, etc., in Wymondham. £60 sterling.

Will of Anne Kett of the City of Norwich, widow.

To my daughters Margaret and Hannah Kett all my messuages in Norwich and all personal estate. The said two daughters executrices. John Barnham, Stephen Wood, witnesses. Signed Ann Kett. Dated 28 Nov. 1676. Proved 1679-80 by the executrices. Testatrix is called in the proof "late of St. George Tombland." Norwich Archd. Register, 1679, fo. 646.

Will of Margaret Kett of the parish of St. Mary in the city of Norwich, singlewoman.

William Laste, my brother-in-law, and Sarah his now wife to be executors. Said ex'ors to have a leasehold tenement in Norwich (which testatrix had under the will of Richard Kett her father, deceased), in the parish of St. George Tombland for the residue of the leases. To her executors all her goods, subject to these legacies. To cousin Hannah Davy, wife of Nathaniel Davey, £10 and a feather bed. To sister Rebecca Turner £5. To Sarah Reeve, daughter of Rebecca Turner, wife of Charles Reeve. To cousin Sarah Laste, natural daughter of said ex'or, £10 and a feather bed. To cousins Rebecca and Abigail Burridge 10s. each. Ann Aynesworth, John Elden, Geo. Lees, witnesses. Dated 10 Feb. 1689. Proved — 7th, 1702. (Month omitted, probably June.) Norwich Archd. Register, 1702, fo. 288.

John Kett, gentleman, Diss.

John Kett and Philippa Pitcher, married 1677, of Diss.

Will of John Kett the elder of Disse, Norfolk, gent.

On marriage of my son Thomas Kett with Mary his wife, my messuages and lands at Wooley Bridge and Walcot, Diss, late Thos. Foulden's and Robert Brauce were in his marriage settlement, to him and his heirs, if without heirs, to my sons Charles Kett and John Kett. An acre of meadow near Woolsey Bridge late purchased of Daniel Sheriff, gent., to Thomas and Mary, afterwards to grandson John Kett, son of above. To Philippa Kett, wife, in lieu of dower, all lands, etc., late purchased of John Mann, Esq., in Pulham St. Mary for life, remainder

to John Kett my son and his heirs. Thomas Kett father, deceased, mentioned. To son Charles Kett, Nether Market Close, Diss, also all properties which John Kett the elder now inhabits, stables, gardens, messuages, tenements, etc., also land freehold and copyhold, purchased of Geoffrey Clark and Frances his wife in Heywood, Diss, and lands in Bressingham, purchased of William Caine, unless he die before 24 without lawful issue, then to John Kett. To John Kett lands purchased in Pulham St. Mary from Lawrence Mayhew, gent., also lands in Orley pastures, etc., but if he die before 24 without lawful issue then to Charles Kett. To Philippa, wife, all linen and woollen that was her own before marriage, wearing apparel, rings, etc., also bed furniture, 6 Turkey wool chairs, 2 pairs of andirons with brass heads, one dozen napkins locked up in a trunk lettered S. S., silver watch, 2 silver porringers and £30 for furnishing. To Thomas Kett 6 pairs of sheets, £50. To John Kett £200 when 21, if he die then to Charles Kett. To Charles Kett £400, also trunks formerly my mother's, lettered S. S. 1641, with all my linen and plate in it. To Charles Kett all residue of plate, pewter, brass, linen and woollen provided he attain 24 years. In default to John Kett. To poor of Diss £5. John Frere of Framingham, co. Suffolk, Gent., John Sheriff of Diss, Gent., Executors. Samuel Kidman, Supervisor, 40*s*. Overplus to Thomas, Charles and John Kett. One half to Thomas. One quarter to Charles. One quarter to John. Date 31 Jan. 1690-1. Probate 9 Aug. 1692. Norfolk Archd. Register, 1692, fo. No. 50.

Will of John Kett, Senior, of Diss, co. Norfolk.

This will is recorded in the Calendar of Wills proved in the Consistory Court of Norwich, 1703-5, but it was not registered. On referring to the bundle of original wills for those years I find the following documents which refer to this man :—

1. Deed Poll, dated 15 Nov. 1703, being an act of renunciation of executorship of the will of John Kett, senior, of Diss, gent., in which it is also stated that the other executor, John Sheriff of Diss, proved the will, but had since died.

2. Administration, with will annexed, was granted by the Consistory Court of Norwich of the above estate on the 18th Dec. 1703 to John Prentice, principal creditor. Consist. Court, Norwich. Original Wills, 1703-5, No. 39.

Weston Longville, 1694. 1694. Edward, the son of Thomas Kett and Mary his wife, bapt. 25 April.

Blomefield's "Norfolk," vol. i., p. 39. Diss. "There is lately (1736) put up a mural monument in the midst of the north aisle on which is the inscription :—

"Near this place lyeth the Body of
John Kett, Gent.
Who departed this life 12 July 1692,
Aged 74 years
Also Philippia his wife [*sic* out],
Who departed this life 17 Jan. 1734,
In the 84 year of her Age."

The Kett's arms are: *Or, on a fess between three leopards' heads erased azure, a lion passant guardant argent.* Crest: *A leopard's head erased azure.*

Blomefield, vol. v., p. 431. Framingham Register.

1692. Charles Kett of Diss, Gent., and Elizabeth Beaumont, married Oct. 24th.

Davy's MSS. says Castor Register.

Will of Charles Kett of Colney, Norfolk, yeoman.

To be buried at Diss by my Mother. Elizabeth, wife, and father-in-law Mr. Francis Cooke. Son Charles Kett (under 21). William Beaumont, wife's brother, £50. Mr. Francis Cooke and Elizabeth his wife, my father and mother-in-law. John Beaumont, my wife's father's will mentioned. Elizabeth Kett, wife, executrix. Witnesses (three). Signed Charles Kett. Dated 26 May 1696. Proved 26 Oct. 1696 by Executrix. Norf. Archd. Register, 1696, No. 76. Original will.

Blomefield, vol. i., pp. 23, 24. "On an altar tomb, by the South Isle, here also lyeth the body of Charles Kett, Gent. who departed this life the first day of June, 1696. And Charles Kett, his son, who died in the same Month, being about two Yeares of Age."

On another altar-tomb, with Sheriff's arms as before, is the inscription to John Sheriffe, executor to John Kett, Senr.; he died July 1698. The inscription to Charles Kett is on the tomb of John Sheriff's father, Thomas Sheriff, who though anti-Royalist, as J.P. was kind enough to inform Royalists of their danger.

I suggest that Charles Kett's mother's name was probably Susannah Sheriff, hence the trunk noted in John Kett's will marked as "S. S." This would give a reason for Charles Kett being buried under the Sheriff arms: *Azure, on a fess ingrailed between three griffins' heads erased or, a fleur-de-lis between two roses gules.*

Diss Register.

1696 June 3 Charles Kett of Colney, Gent., buried.
1696 July 10 Charles, son of Charles Kett of Colney, buried.

Will of Henry Kett, Marriner.

Not in bodily health. Late belonging to "Child's Play" and "Windsor," now to "Ramilies." Soul to God, body to earth or sea. All tenements, goods and chattels and estate to Joan Rawlson of Gosport, co. Southampton. Joane sole executrix. Matthew Darte, Jane Whitaker, Stephen Roy, witnesses. Signed at Gosport. Dated 26 May 1709. Proved 6 June 1710 by Joanna Rawlson.

(Perhaps the son of John and Margaret Kett of Diss, born 1661.)

Will of John Kett of Diss.

To my wife Mary Kett all my messuages, lands, etc., in Diss and elsewhere. To Elizabeth Cutler of Diss 5s. All my ready money after my debts are paid and also my movables to my wife. Dated 18 Aug. 1732. Proved 1738. Norf. Archd. Court.

Will of Mary Kett, late of Diss.

My husband John Kett. To my kinsman John Watson of Kenning Hall, clergyman, my messuages, etc., at Burston. To Mary Morton at Carleton (her husband is a woolcomber) £6 yearly. To Mary Cason the house in Diss. Dated 18 Aug. 1729. Proved 11 Sept. 1729.

Blomefield. On an altar-tomb, Kenninghall: Here resteth the body of John Kett of Diss, Gentleman, who died 19 Oct. 1728, aged 78 years.

Also the body of Mary his wife who died 21 Aug. 1729. In whose memory their kinsman Mr. James Watson of this parish, surgeon, erected this tomb.

Though we did live for many years
Prepare O youth for death
For if he should at noon appear
You must give up your breath.

Norfolk Registers, vol. iv. Carleton Rode Marriages.

1705 June 4 John Kett of New Buckenham and Elizabeth Wade.

Will of John Kett of Oakley. 20 March 1738. Consist. Court, Norwich.

To my son Wade Kett and to his heirs all messuages and lands, settlements, hereditaments and copyholds in South Lopham, co. Norfolk, and my large silver salver and fishing tackle. To my son Thomas Kett 1s. To the poor of Oakley 40s. Thomas Havers and Thomas Newstead, Senr., of Broome, Suffolk, Gent., to be executors. Pulham St. Mary to be sold and the proceeds to my five daughters, Phillippa Kett, Elizabeth Kett, Abigail Kett, Sarah Kett, and Mary Kett equally; if they die to their children. To be buried in Oakley Parish Church near by my first wife, with black marble slab and a proper inscription with names of wives and children buried there. Dated 20 March 1738. Proved 21 Nov. 1739. Fo. 125.

Oakley. Davy MSS., Brit. Mus.

In the nave of the church near the west end, on a flat stone, black marble:—

Here lyeth the Body of John Kett of Oakley, in the County of Suffolk, Gent., who died 25th October 1739, aged 57 years.

And also of John Kett his son by Elizabeth his wife, who died 4th Augt. 1711, aged 5 years.

And also the body of the said Elizabeth Kett, his said Mother, who died 31st . . . . 1717, aged 34.

And also the Body of Anne Kett, one of the daughters of the said John Kett, who died 9th October 1738, aged 57 years.

The steeple 5 Bells thus inscribed:—

1. Mr. John Kett, Mr. Brown Turner, Churchwardens.
John Goldsmith fecit 1711.
5. Mr. John Kett, Churchwarden.
John Goldsmith fecit 1711. St. Margaret.

P.C.C., 202 Broome. I, Ann Kett, now wife of John Kett of Oakley in County Suffolk, gent., according to power, etc., given to me by my husband. . . . A bond bearing date 6 Feb. 1728 entered by John Kett to Thos. Windle of Hadleigh, gent., in penalty of £600, on consideration that John Kett should pay £300 to me, said Ann, or to my legatees within 12 months after the decease of John Kett. To William, son of Mr. Willm. Cronshey, senior, of Shrimpley, my godson, £40. To Jane, Elizabeth and Mary Cronshey, daughters of William Cronshey, senior, £20 apiece. To Willm. and Mary Windle, son and daughter of Mr. Thos. Windle of Hadleigh, £40 each. To Thomas and Ann Windle, godson and

god-daughter, £60 each within 12 months after death of said John Kett. Thos. Windle, father, and William Windle, son, executors. Signed Ann Kett (2nd wife of J. Kett). Nathaniel Frith, Ann Frith, Elizabeth Woodbridge, witnesses. Proved 20 July 1740.

Will of Mary Kett of Thompson, co. Norfolk, spinster.

To sister Elizabeth Jacom, wife of Samuel Jacom of Swithin Lane, Lombard Street, Druggist, £40. To John, son of sister Sarah Fisher, £50 at 21. To niece Sarah, dau. of Wade Kett of Palgrave, gent., and her brother John Kett, £30 each at 21. To Sarah Kett, dau. of Thomas Kett of South Lopham, £10. To sister Phillipa Hargrave, wife of Nathaniel Hargrave of Great Wakering in co. . . . ., Schoolmaster. To sister Abigail, wife of Robert Tooke, £30. To Elizabeth Tooke, dau. of said Abigail and Sarah, sister of said Elizabeth. To sisters Philippa Hargrave, Abigail Tooke and Sarah Fisher wearing apparel. Brothers Wade Kett and Thomas Kett. Wade Kett and Samuel Jacom, ex'ors and residuary legatees.

Four witnesses. Dated 6 March 1758. Codicil same date as will, and witnessed by same persons. Giving Sarah Tooke a further £10 at 21. Proved with codicil 1 April 1758.

Thomas Kett of Oakley, co. Suffolk, gent.

Appoints his father-in-law Thomas Hill of Buxhall, Suffolk, D.D., and his brother-in-law Henry Hill of Tostick in the same county, clerk, as executors and trustees. They to sell his lands in Oakley, and the money arising therefrom to discharge mortgage debts, etc., and the residue of his real estate to be invested for the use of his wife Susan Kett for life with remainder to two daughters Sarah and Susanna Kett equally at 21. Desires his real estate to be sold to George Betts of Diss, gentleman, according to articles of agreement dated 2 May 1743. Testator incidentally refers to his brother Wade Kett. Robert Scott, Thos. Evans, C. Thos. Gooch, witnesses. Dated 17 May 1743. Testator died at North Lopham, Norfolk. Both executors having died before testator, adm'on was granted to Susan Kett, the widow and relict, 4 Dec. 1780. Epis. Consist. Court of Norwich Register, 1780, fo. 216.

Will of Thomas Hill, D.D., of Buxhall, co. Suffolk. 1743. To Thomas Kett of Stowmarket, Suffolk, gent., who married Susan my daughter.

Davy MSS. Palgrave Hund. Mr. Wade Kett at the funeral of William Bokenham, who died 14 July 1761, aged 77.

Will of John Kett of Diss, Turner.

To wife Mary all lands in Diss. To Elizabeth Cullam of Diss, widow, 5*s*. Wife Mary sole executrix. Dated 18 Aug. 1728. No proof recorded, but in Register of Wills proved in 1728 in Norf. Archd., No. 104.

Blomefield, Vol. I., p. 225, M.I., Kenninghall. Altar-tomb in church. "John Kett, late of Diss, Gent., obit 1 Oct. 1728, aged 76, and Mary his wife, obit 21 Aug. 1729. To whose memory their kinsman Mr. Jas. Watson of this parish, surgeon, erected this tomb."

Will of Mary Kett, late of Diss, and now of Palgrave, co. Suffolk, widow. (Long will.)

To be buried at Kenninghall near husband, Mr. John Kett. To kinsman James Watson of Kenninghall, surgeon, messuages and land in Burton, Diss, etc., charged with legacies to Richard Watson of Bunwell and to John Watson of Tibenham, brother of James Watson. Legacies to kinswoman Bridget Dawdery and her children, kinsman Robt. Watson, N. Lopham, kinswoman Mary Cason. James and Robert Watson, executors. Dated 18 Aug. 1729. Proved 11 Sept. 1729 Consist. Court, Norwich.

P.C.C., 191, Walpole. Will of Susan Kett of St. Matthew's, Ipswich, widow. To sister Mary, wife of Edward Elliston of Hemingston, Suffolk, gent., all my part of leasehold at Swaffham, Bulbeck, Cambs., also £500 due from estate of my late brother Dr. Hill of Buxhall. Residue to Mary Elliston, sister, for life, then to her husband. Edward Elliston, sole executor. 15 April 1796. Probate 7 March 1798.

Davy MSS. Hemingston Hund. Bosmere and Claydon. Register.

Susan Kett, widow, aged 86, buried 12 Jan. 1798.

On north side of the church:—

In memory of Susan Kett, who died 8 Jan. 1798, aged 86 years, Relict of Thomas Kett, Esq., and eldest daughter of Thomas Hill, D.D., late of Buxhall in this county.

Near this in memory of Sarah Polly, who died 1 June 1775, aged 53 years. Relict of Captain Polly and second daughter of Thos. Hill, D.D., late of Buxhall in this county.

GEORGE KETT, SON OF ROBERT KETT.

1564. Will of Edmund Sharpe of Wymondham. George Kett a witness. Proved 24 July 1564. Norf. Archd. Court.

St. George's, Tombland, Norwich. 1589. George Kett of Howe, Norfolk, yeoman, and Frances his wife on 28 Feb. 1589 granted John Harrison of Norwich, S.T.P., and Margaret his wife a tenement which said George had of John Denny, Esq., of Howe, 24 Oct. 1580.

Will of George Knight *alias* Kett, 5 Feb. 1591, of Shottisham, Norfolk, yeoman.

My soul to God and my body to be buried in Shottisham All Saints' churchyard. Legacies to the poor of Shottisham, Wymondham, Framingham and Porland. To Henry Kett 4s., and George Kett my god-child 40s. (to the last at 21). My right and title to the manor of Perishall in Bunwell to go as is limited by the will or other conveyance of Mr. John Denny, Esq., to whom I give £40.. To Frances my wife all lands and tenements until my son Robert be 21 to bring up my children in good learning and education; if said wife die before son Robert be 21, then my brother Loye and my brother Richard to be guardians of my children. Wife to buy a strong chest or coffer with 2 locks and keyes in which to keep evidences. All household goods to wife for life, then to my son Richard. Executor to sell land and wood in Brookwood. Richard Kett my son to have land at Kimberly bought of John Everard on my wife's death. Residue to my wife, sole executrix. My brother Loye, supervisor, £6.

Robert Bransbye, Robert Shene, William Small, witnesses. Norf. Archd. Court Register 1591-2, fo. 236. Dated 5 Feb. 1591. Proved 2 June 1592.

Inq. Post Mortem. 414/118 I.P.M. 12 Oct., 10 Jas. I. Frances Green of Forncett (late Frances Kett), widow, lands at Shottisham, Howe and Coles. Robert Kett was under 21, and is her son and heir. George Kett is his brother and heir.

I.P.M. 516/137, Ser. II., 23 April, 10 Chas. I. Before Anthony Barry Harlesdon, Robert Kett seised of Coles in Shottisham, after the death of Frances wife of Robt. Green, defendant, formerly wife of George Kett, deceased, grandfather of Robert Kett. Robert holds Howe *in capite*. George Kett is his brother and heir.

Close Rolls, 4350. I, Robert Kett of Shottisham, co. Norfolk, gent., have released my heirs and executors and give to Samuel Verdon, Norwich, gent., everything I have or could have since the beginning of the world, 14 June 1672, 24 Chas. II. Witnesses: Robt. Doughty, Wm. Doughty. A debt to his tailor Heslewood will be discharged, Robert Kett comes to Court.

It rather looks as if Robert's early death were due to his own gay life. It is unfortunate that he has to pledge his lands.

Marriage Licences. Ipswich Probate Court.

1619, Sept. 21. Augustine Seamon, widower, and Margaret Kett of Bungay, widow, at Bungay. Bk. 4, fo. 13.

Fine. Hillary 1646-7. Between Willm. Stanhawe, gent., and Milman Edgar, gent., querents, and George Kett *alias* Knight, gent., and Elizabeth his wife, deforciants, concerning 30 acres of land and 40 acres of pasture, etc., in Howe by Brooke. £100 sterling.

Will of William Pudding *alias* Bodin of Stratton St. Michael, gentleman, 16 April 1658.

Lands of my great-grandfather Thomas Pudding, deceased, in Wacton and Stratton St. Mary called Swaine's Close, which my father William Pudding, deceased, bought of Cooke and Bedingfield, to Elizabeth Kett, daughter of Elizabeth Kett my sister. Also land in Shottisham and Howe to her my said sister for her life, and then to Robert Kett her eldest son, and if he die then to George Kett, 2nd son of said sister Elizabeth. Other lands in Saxlingham to her also, with remainder to said George Kett and part to said Robert Kett my nephew. Nephew Charles Love, son of Mary Love, my sister deceased, lands in Hempnall and Newton Flotman, and Elizabeth Love said sister of Charles, Deborah Swaine and Mary Dixon my aunts. Elizabeth Rushmer my aunt. Dated 16 April 1658. Proved 2 Sept. 1658 by Elizabeth Kett the widow, the executrix, at London.

Robert Kett of Stratton St. Michael. Administration of his estate was granted to Elizabeth Kett *alias* Fletcher, his mother, on 20 Sept. 1673. Epis. Consist. Court of Norwich.

Forncett Rolls, Cambridge University Library. 1679.

Presented that Thomas Fletcher, gent., native tenant, died seised of lands taken up 1670, and Elizabeth Kett, spinster, had these lands left

to her by him. And Roger Branch, gent., asks for admission of said Elizabeth. Frances Lee, widow, Elizabeth Fletcher, spinster, Alice Fletcher, spinster, and . . . . Sewster, formerly wife of William Sewster, gent., are daughters and heirs of said Thomas Fletcher, deceased.

1685 Elizabeth Kett, spinster, on Inquisition.
1686 " " "

CHAPTER X.

THOMAS KNIGHT *alias* KETT.

Died 1553, who married Agnes, who married secondly Stephen Verdon.

GRISHAUGH.

1524, March 25. To this Court comes Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett and surrenders a messuage in Middleton called Stabbards *alias* Stanford, which he took up with William Kett *alias* Knyght, now deceased, on the surrender of Alice Botild, widow, at Court, 1491. And the Lord regrants the same to said Thomas and Margery his wife and to Thomas their son, and seisin is delivered to them.

(Knowing as we do that William was the father of Thomas the first, we have three generations in this one entry.)

HOLY TRINITY GUILD, WYMONDHAM. 1517.

Thomas Knyght is elected to the Guild.

In 1531 he became a brother of the Gild of All Saints.

In 1532 Thomas Kett was admitted member of the Gild of All Saints.

WYMONDHAM ABBEY ROLLS.

1534, May 3. Agnes Kemsey, widow, surrenders a piece of land, 24 acres, in a farm of John Kemsey her husband, in Brathwhitefeld in Wymondham, which she formerly held out of Court, 1 Nov. 1531, to use of Thomas Keet and Agnes his wife. 20s. rent. Fine 48s.

1534, May 3. William Grene and Alice his wife surrender a tenement, Cook's in Norton, and another 5 acres called Lagrosse, to use of Thomas Kett and Agnes his wife. Fine 16s.

1535-6, Feb. 24. Richard Broun and Isabell his wife surrender 1 acre in Estfeld called the Gravelpytte to use of Thomas Keet *alias* Knyght.

FORNCETT ROLLS.

1535. Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett surrenders to Agnes his wife and Agnes takes up 3 roods formerly Marione Whitefoot's in Forncett, and half an acre Moorham and two pieces of Moorgate Redefield, half an acre of Moorhouse, formerly Roger Botild's, and one piece of demesne land of Multon by Moorgate Wey.

1537. Thomas Knight *alias* Kett lets his horses and cows into the field of Forncett called Moorgatefield, and filled in a ditch towards the wooden monument of the King. Fine 3s. 4*d*.

WYMONDHAM MANOR.

1537, April 30. That a bargain is made by indenture by the Lord and William Keet and Thomas his brother of certain native lands of the Manor.

1545. Thomas Kett holds lands in Markstead, Wymondham, value 16*s*.

1543, Feb. 14. Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett and Agnes his wife come and surrender a close called Daldwyn's Close by Norwodedhouse, containing 8 acres by Grishaugh Wood, which Thomas took up on surrender of William Kett and Elizabeth his wife, 14 Feb. 1542-3, to use of John Neve.

Norfolk Archæology. Papers relating to Becket's Chapel. 1547.

Item to Thomas Kett for M.L. of brick tile 6*s*.
" " " " " M.L. of thakke tyle 6*s*.
" " " " " C. of brike tyle.
" " a woman beryng the said tyle fro Thomas Kett to the Chapel 6*d*.

CROMWELL'S.

1553, May 1. Norton. Presented that Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett surrendered other lands to the use of his will, which he gave by said will to Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett and Adam Knight *alias* Kett his sons, to hold to them until Adam was 21, which said lands Thomas took up 14 Feb. 1524 on surrender of Thomas Knight *alias* Kett his father. Now comes Agnes the relict of said Thomas, who prays admission till Adam is 21, which said Adam is . . . . years of age, and they are admitted.

1554, Tuesday after Whitsunday. Norton. Thomas Knight *alias* Kett before his death surrendered lands in Grishaugh field, which he took up 1 Aug. 1542 on surrender of Richard Brundell, to use of his will, which he left to his wife Agnes for life and then to Valentine Knight his son and his heirs. Now comes said Agnes and is admitted to the same for life, with remainder to said Valentine and his heirs.

1554, May 1. Presented that Thomas Knyght also died seised of other lands in Estfield, which he took up 21 Jan. 1533 on surrender of William Flowerdewe and John Flowerdew his son, and Valentine is his son and next heir, of full age and is admitted.

Will of Thomas Knyght of Wymondham, Norfolk, yeoman. 1553.

My soul to God and my corruptible body to be buried at His will. To relief of the poor 10*s*. To repair of highway from Wymondham to Norwich, called Norwich Causey, 10*s*. Agnes my wife to have my place or mansion called Stabberds, with the backyard, for her life, and then to Valentine my son. She is also to have the house called Grenes, and lands belonging, for her life, and at her death Valentine to have part and Francis my son (under 21) the other part. My sons Thomas and Adam to have the house and land called Watker and the Grove, which I had of my mother's gift.

To Catherine my daughter £6 13*s*. 4*d*. at marriage.
To Terry my daughter £6 13*s*. 4*d*. at marriage.
To Anne my daughter £6 13*s*. 4*d*. at marriage.
To Barbara my daughter £6 13*s*. 4*d*. at marriage.
Agnes my wife and my son Valentine to be executors.
Dated 28 July 1553. Proved 19 Dec. 1553 at Wymondham. Norf. Archd. Court Register, 1553, fo. 179.

After the death of Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett in 1553 Agnes his widow married Stephen Verdon; he died in 1572, and his will is of interest in adding to the family history.

Norfolk Archdeaconry Register, 1572-3, fo. 92.

March 3. Proceedings as to the validity of the will of Stephen Verdon by Thomas Agas the executor, named in will, which was contested by Stephen Wysman, the next-of-kin of said Stephen Verdon. Court pronounced the validity of the will, which was produced and proved. (In Latin.)

Stephen Verdon of Wymondham, Norfolk. To be buried in the churchyard. To the shotynge of the great bell 10*s*. Repair of Carleton Rode Church 6*s*. 8*d*. To wife Agnes sundry cattle, furniture, etc. To Valentyne Knyght my great chayer and 13*s*. 4*d*. To Thomas Knyght 13*s*. 4*d*. "I will that the charges of Francis Knyght's scole and Thomas's shall be borne by myne ex'ors untyll Michaelmas next and 40*s*. next yeare towards his learnynge." To Catherine Dade, Terry Nevell, Agnes Courolde, my wife's three daughters, 6*s*. 8*d*. each. To Barbara Knyght 10*s*. at her marriage. To Stephen Courolde, Stephen Nevell, Thomas Hobbes and Thomas Knyghte, who are my godchildren, 3*s*. 4*d*. each. To Philip Knyght and Robert Knyght, sons of Valentine Knyght, 3*s*. 4*d*. each. To Mary Dade, daughter of Katherine Dade, 3*s*. 4*d*. To Ales Knyght, daughter of Thomas Knyght, 3*s*. 4*d*. To Elizabeth Pollarde the profits of house and lands at Carlton Rode and Bunwell. £6 13*s*. 4*d*. a year to Stephen Wyseman my belchild, he paying £40 to Stephen Agas, or if he be dead to Christian Agas at 24, my daughter; if she die to Stephen Agas, then to Robert Agas my belchild at 24. To Christian Agas my daughter and Thomas Agas her husband house and land in Wymondham, they to pay Agnes Wysman, my belchild, £20. To Elizabeth Pollard my daughter. To Adam her son. To Agnes Plome my sister. To Agnes Wysman my belchild. And to Stephen her brother. Residue to Christian Agas my daughter and Thomas Agas her husband. Robert Ryngewode, John Rowe, John Mayde, Robt. Wyseman, witnesses. Dated 23 Oct. 1566. Proved 18 March 1572-3 by executors.

Will of Agnes Vardon of Wymondham, Norfolk, widow, Norf. Archd. Register, 1572-3, fo. 200.

To Francis Kett my son £10. To Adam Kett my son a milch cowe and some wethers, 3 silver spoons, a pair of sheets, a feather bed, 4 chargers of pewter of the best, one acre of wheat and one of mixen. To Thomas Kett my son 3 silver spoons, a heckforth, 5 sheep and my husband's worse gown. To John Nevell and Terry his wife, my daughter, 3 milch neate. To same Terry a brasse pot and my silke hatte. To Barbara Nevell my belchild a milche cowe now in care of John Nevell her father, also a cowe among other children of said John. To Robert Courolde my son-in-law and Anne his wife a heckforth, 5 sheep and the best candlesticks, and a cowe among Robert's other children. To Loye Agas my son-in-law and Barbara his wife, my daughter, a cowe, sundry sheep, pewter and my best hatte. To Richard Dade my son-in-law and Catherine his wife a cowe, and one among his children. To Thomas Kett my belchild a cowe, and to Anthony his brother a heckforth.

To Catherine Dade, Terry Nevell, Anne Courolde and Barbara Agas my daughters, all my linen and apparell among them, excepting my best petticote, which I give to Ales Kette my daughter-in-law (wife of Valentine), and another I gave to Anne Tolye my servant, I also give her 3*s*. 4*d*. To Faith my servant 6*s*. 8*d*. To Richard Deynes my servant 3*s*. 4*d*. To Philip Kett and Robert Kett my bellchildren, a calf. To Valentine Kett my son sundry neat and steers, in consideration of 30*s*. I owe him, also I give him 10 ewes, 10 lambs and 3 silver spoons. Residue to Richard Dade my son-in-law and Francis Kett my son, executors. Valentine Kett, Thomas Kett, Robert Courolde, John Nevell, witnesses. Dated 1 May 1573. Proved 4 July 1573 by Richard Dade, power reserved to Francis Knyght *alias* Kett.

Grishaugh. 31 Dec. 1573. Norton.

That Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett surrendered all his land to use of his last will, leaving his wife Agnes a life tenant, and that Agnes is dead, and Valentine Knyght *alias* Kett comes and asks admission to a messuage called Stabbards *alias* Stanford that Thomas took up with Thomas Kett his father and Margery his wife, now deceased, 25 March 1525, and that the deceased Thomas took up 1 Aug. 1534 on surrender of William Grene. And 2 parcells of land Thomas took up 1543 on surrender of John Newman, and a piece of land which Thomas Knyght took up on surrender of William Rochester, and 3 acres he took up 1 Nov. 1538 on surrender of Richard Browne, with remainder to Francis Knyght; and said Valentine is admitted.

Afterwards said Francis Knyght *alias* Kett asks admission to 7 acres which Agnes Knyght *alias* Kett his mother, now dead, had by virtue of the will of Thomas Kett his father, which the said Thomas took up 1 Nov. 1538 on surrender of Richard Browne, with 3 acres which Thomas by his last will bequeathed to Valentine. And a messuage which the aforesaid Thomas, testator, took up 1541 on surrender of Richard Browne. And the said Francis is admitted.

Will of Loye Agas. Dated 12 April 1610. Proved 30 April 1611. Consist. Court, Norfolk, 1611, fo. 323.

Loye Agas of Wymondham, yeoman. To wife Barbara £10 a year for life and dwelling in tenement called Folgate and half the fruit of the orchard. To my daughter Anne £20. To my daughter Frances £20. (One of these married a Kett and the other a Smith.) To son Anthony £40. To son Edmund £30. To grandchild Robert Smith £5. To grandchild Loye Smith £5. To son Loye £40. To son Edward £40. To son Robert £20. Lands in Wymondham to son Loye charged with legacies. To wife Barbara household goods. Wife and sons Robert and Edward executors, son Loye Agas supervisor. To Ann my grandchild called Ann Kett. Thomas Kett, Loye Kett, Henry Kett, Esay Freeman, witnesses.

Valentine Knyght *alias* Kett, eldest son of Thomas who married Agnes.

Will of Grace Male, widow, of Wymondham. Valentine Knight and Thomas Knight, witnesses. Probate 27 Sept. 1560. Norf. Arch. Court, 1560—62.

Will of Nicholas Knight *alias* Kett of Moulton, 1560—62, fo. 149. Norf. Archd. Court. Val. Kett a witness.

Will of Katherine Sterlinge of Windham, Norf. Archd. 1560—62. Probate 22 Aug. 1560. Val. Kette a witness.

1561. Kettering, Norfolk. Antonye Kett was buried, sonne of Valentyne.

CROMWELL'S.

1560. To this Court comes Valentine Knight and surrenders 7 acres taken up of Edward Flowerdewe, gent., 18 Oct. 1559, to John Sewell and his heirs.

Will of Robert Ensinge of Wymondham, gent. If wife die before children come of age then lands to be in custody of John Cowper, William Kette, Val. Kette and James Colman, until said children are 21. Norf. Arch., 1563—66.

QUEEN'S MANOR.

1567, Oct. 13. William Castleton and Joan his wife come and surrender land formerly taken up 1561-2 with Valentine Knyght *alias* Kett to Robert Ringwood and Margaret his wife.

Valentine is witness for the will of Katherine Baxter, widow. Dated 20 Feb. 1564. Proved 2 May 1565.

GRISHAUGH, NORTON.

1569-70, Jan. 23. William Frosdyk, out of court, surrenders to Valentine Kette and Robert Starlynge all land and tenements (for mortgage).

1571, Feb. 6. Cecilia Sewall, widow, and Edward Collyer her son, surrender land taken up 4 Eliz. to Valentine Knight *alias* Kett.

QUEEN'S MANOR.

1567, Oct. 14. On Inquisition Valentine Knyght *alias* Kett.

1569, April 4. William Frosdicke *alias* Poynter surrenders 10 acres in Northfield to use of Valentine Knight *alias* Kett.

1569, Oct. 13. Valentine is admitted to Saxurgals tenement in Vicars Street formerly Thomas Gay's. Valentine gives fine.

Norf. Arch. Court, 1570—72. Valentine is the writer of William Wyseman's will. The Wisemans were connections through his mother Agnes' second marriage with Stephen Verdun, one of whose daughters by his first wife married a Wiseman. Valentine is either plaintiff or defendant in so many Chancery Suits that it is evident that he had a strong litigious bias. He was, however, used as the advisor of many Wymondham people.

GRISHAUGH.

1571, Oct. 6. Elizabeth Hemlynge, a widow, out of Court surrenders all land she held of the manor to Valentine Kett.

1572, April 17. Valentine surrenders a tenement in Nealand taken up 11 Eliz. to Thomas Walne, clerk.

1573, Aug. 1. Valentine surrendered mortgaged lands to John Castleton and Robert Ringwood.

QUEEN'S MANOR.

1572, April 17. Valentine comes and surrenders a messuage in Facingal Street, and half a rood of native tenement, Nealond, in a garden near by. Also a messuage in Vicar's Street to Thomas Wawne, clerk.

QUEEN'S MANOR, SILFIELD.

1573, Dec. 31. Comes Valentine Knyght *alias* Kett and prays admission by surrender of Robert Barret, and he is admitted.

CROMWELL'S.

1573, Aug. 4. It is found that Agnes, late wife of Stephen Verdun, and before that wife of Thomas Kett, had died since last Court, and she held copyholds for the term of her life, with remainder to Valentine and his heirs, according to the form and effect of a surrender made by said Thomas. Valentine comes and is admitted.

QUEEN'S.

1576, June 19. Comes Valentine on death of Agnes, formerly his mother, and begs to be admitted to a tenement, Cooks formerly Roth in Norton, and 7 acres of land, all of which said Agnes with Kette, formerly her husband, took up 1534 of William Grene and Alice his wife, and 14 acres, Brathwayte, which Agnes had with Kett her husband on surrender of Agnes Kensey, widow, 1534. Valentine is admitted.

Valentine asks admission to le parcell pitte that Thomas Kett his father held from Richard Browne and Isabelle his wife. And 1 acre la grene Thomas took up, 1526.

1576, June 19. Presented that Edward Cullier alienated to Valentine Knyght *alias* Kett 5 acres before surrendered for William Kett, Davies Croft, tenement now called Knyght's Close and Collier's Close. Valentine is admitted.

1576, Oct. 4. And that Valentine lets his [. . . ., ? cattle] go at large in the field Silfield.

1577, March 2. He witnesses Mawte Jeny's will.

1579, Oct. 19. That Valentine, customary tenant, surrenders an enclosure called le Cundyt Close in Brathwayte containing 12 acres pasture and 1 parcell of field, held on surrender of John Bolton *alias* Sewall in 1558-9. To use of Thomas Kett near the mansion house of said Thomas Kett in Wymondham.

Valentine Knyght *alias* Kett surrenders by Thomas Agas Cooks 15 and 2 acres near Lagresse, 2 acres and 24 acres in Brathwayte, which Valentine took up 1581. To John Nevell.

1583, Oct. 4. Valentine Knyght *alias* Kett and Alice his wife surrender 12 acres in Brathwayte taken up on surrender of Stephen Verdun and Agnes his wife, formerly wife of Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett, seen in the will of Thomas, Court Roll 1555. Also 2 acres taken up 1576, and Cudyte Close taken up 1560, and David's Croft and Knyght's Close and Coltonn's Close in Brathwyte and Stanfeld held on surrender of Edmund Cullier, 1577. To use of John Denny Knyght, who by the hand of George Knyght *alias* Kett his attorney gives fine and swears fealty.

(This looks as if Valentine lost his law-suits.)

Stephen Courold has died, and before his death he surrendered all his lands. Elizabeth, formerly relict of said Stephen, has all his lands, also Blerey in Silfield, formerly in tenure of Valentine Knyght *alias* Kett. All of which Stephen Courold took up on the death of Robert Courold, and Elizabeth is admitted. Valentine's sister Ann married Robert Courold.

QUEEN'S.

1585, June 8. John Nevile, customary tenant, died before this Court, and surrendered his lands. Comes Terry, formerly his wife (another sister of Valentine's) and says by Nevile's will she has a messuage and land in Wymondham John took up 9 Eliz. "To Stephen Nevile my son remainder." Stephen comes and is admitted. John Nevile took up on surrender of Valentine Knyght *alias* Kett. He continues "To Robert Nevile my son," etc. John Nevile's will is dated 8 May 1585 and was proved 27 July 1585.

One of the messuages left to Terry his wife is called Holy Rood Guild House, she also has a messuage called Stabbards; it then goes to Stephen if he give Thomas Nevile his brother 50*s*. a year for life. Terry is also to possess a tenement called Colles and another called Fowls with pastures Lagresse and Pratts 12 acres for the term of her life, then to John Nevile her son. Also a tenement called Reeves held of Cromwell's. John Nevile speaks of Terry, Margaret, Barbara, Anne and Mary his daughters. Valentine Kette and Robert Kette were witnesses.

GRISHAUGH.

1593, March 29. Two pieces of land, meadow and pasture were granted to Valentine, which are now cancelled for 3*s*. 4*d*. rent.

Will of Valentine Kett of Wymondham, Norfolk, yeoman, 10 March 1604.

I, Vallentyne Kett of Wimondham. To be buried in Wyndham churchyard unto my son Anthony. To Robert Cullyer, sen., the son of Richard Cullyer of Wimondham, 2 acres of meadow and pasture in 2 pieces at Earlshill, paying for the same to Nathaniel Daynes £4 8*s*., and to Richard Cullyer of Norwich £5 5*s*., for which it is mortgaged to said Richard, also to pay Elizabeth my wife 40*s*. on release of dower. To Elizabeth, wife, all the residue of goods except such as I have before making this will given to my daughter Frances. My wife to be my sole executor. Robert Harvey, Richard Kett, John Pett, witnesses. Probate 4 May 1605. Original wills, 1605, No. 28. Consistory Court, Norwich.

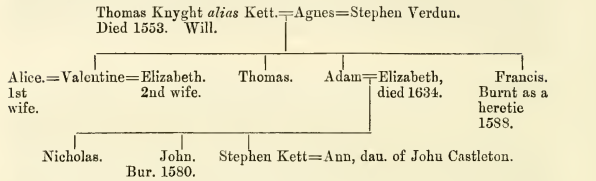
John Nevell is admitted to a tenement Lagresse after the death of Valentine Kett, deceased, as his right, as is shewn at Court 3 Aug. 1590.

GRISHAUGH.

1607, Oct. 20. To this Court comes Richard Cullyer (see will of Valentine) and asks admission holding two pieces of land that Valentine formerly had, and takes up the same to himself and his heirs and is admitted. 15 April 1594.

ADAM KETT, son of Thomas and Agnes.

He married Elizabeth and she died 1634.



Wymondham Registers. Burials.

1634 June 8 Elizabeth Kett, widow.
1660 Nov. 11 Nicholas Kett, an old man, buried.
1626 Oct. 2 Fraunces Kett, of middle years. (Probably Valentine's daughter Frances.)

Forncett St. Peter. Registers.

1580 Jan. 28 John Kett, son of Adam Kett, buried.

CROMWELL'S.

1564, March 8. Norton and Suton presented that Thomas Knyght and Adam Knyght, sons of Thomas, are arrived at full age and are admitted to tenements late Thomas their father's.

1553. Wattlefield and Silfield. It was presented that Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett died and before death surrendered to use of his will, namely, to use of Thomas and Adam Kett his sons when 21 years of age, and the said Thomas and Adam are admitted.

QUEEN'S.

1569, April 4. That John Thomas, native tenant, surrenders by William Knyght *alias* Kett a piece of an enclosure, 3 roods formerly Frances Gedney's, which he took up 1566. To use of Adam Kett, and he gives a fine.

CROMWELL'S.

1570, Aug. 1. It is found by homage on the part of Norton and Suton that Adam Knyght *alias* Kett, one of the sons of Thomas Knyght, deceased, surrendered certain lands (which said Adam jointly had with Thomas Kett his brother, then being alive), on the surrender of said Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett, his father, at a Court 25 March 1565 to use of Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett his brother.

QUEEN'S.

1570, Oct. 17. That Walter Quantrell surrenders, in the presence of Stephen Verdon, to John Kett and Adam Kett, native tenants. Comes Adam Knyght *alias* Kett, son of Thomas and Agnes his wife, and

surrenders the middle part of a messuage with 9 acres 3 roods of copyhold land, Toly by Grisaugh in Wymondham, with appurtenances, which Adam with Thomas his brother took up on surrender of Thomas his father 14 April 1555, and a whole part which the said Adam had in land and tenement, and which said Thomas Kett, father, held of this manor to use of Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett his brother.

Cromwell's.

1573, Aug. 4. Francis Knyght *alias* Kett, present in Court, surrenders lands abutting upon Fayerland which he had jointly with Stephen Verdon, now deceased, on surrender of John Flowerdewe, Esqre., 18 Oct. 1563, to use of Adam Knyght *alias* Kett his brother, to whom seizin is delivered.

Grisaugh.

1573, Dec. 9. Jeremy Browne surrenders lands which he had on surrender of John Jowell to Charles Jenney, gent., and said Jenney again surrenders them to Adam Knyght *alias* Kett.

Queen's.

1574, April 5. Robert Starlyng and Marion his wife come and surrender the middle part which he had with Anne Browne, deceased, and 6 acres 3 roods of land formerly Thomas Denton's, and a cottage in Vicar's Street and 2 and a half acres Darvell in Northfeld, and 2 acres 3 roods in Northfeld which Robert Starlyng took up on surrender of Elizabeth English 10 Oct. 1566. To use of Adam Kett.

1577, April 4. Adam Kett and Elizabeth his wife surrender 4 acres of land near Conduyte Close called Buttels, which he took up 6 Nov. 1577.

Cromwell's.

1578-9. Adam Kett and Thomas Kett and Frances his wife and Valentine Kett surrender 3 acres 3 roods in Norton, which he had after the death of Thomas Kett his father, at Court 1564-5, to use of James Seborne.

Chancery Proceedings, K. 4/40.

In the year 1579 Adam and Valentyne Kett had a lease of a demesne of Perishall, Bunwell, co. Norfolk. Adam was paid out of the lease by John Barnard, to whom the remainder was sold. "He the same Adam being a symple unlearned man, by the subtyll persuasion of said Barnard, etc., was undone." The land belonged to Anthony Denny, and William Iuby acted as a sort of go-between or adjudicator.

Queen's.

1581, April 4. Adam Knyght *alias* Kett surrenders 6 acres 3 roods in Windmyll hyll, 3 acres 3 roods in Vicars Street, 2 and a half acres arable land, Danyells, formerly in tenure of Stephen Verdun, a piece of land in Northfeld, which Adam took up on the surrender of Robert Starling and Marion his wife 1574. To use of Edward Flowerdewe, Gent., who gave a fine of 10*s*.

Fine, Michaelmas, 1582. Robert Roger, gent., Pltf., *v.* Adam Kett and Elizabeth his wife, deforciants. One messuage in Wymondham.

Will of Elizabeth Kett of Wymondham, co. Norfolk, widdowe.

For the natural love and affection I have unto Stephen Kett and Nicholas Kett my sons I have granted and confirmed by this deed to said Stephen and Nicholas all my goods and chatells and household stuff except all such as I have given unto Thomas Kett and Marie Kett my grandchildren, as appeareth by two several writings dated the date of these presents, and except one bedstead in my chamber now in use of Joan Baxter, with a pillow and flock bolster and an old birdwork coverlett, my worst goune, a furred cloth and coyfe and a ruff, which last things I give to Margaret Kett my daughter-in-law, and except my best stuff coat which I dayly wear, and coyfe and forehead cloth, my Blew apron, with a pair of hose and shoes, all which last I give to Alice Hastings, single-woman, my servant. Above to the said Stephen and Nicholas in equal shares, and for better satisfying of writing I have put them in full possession by the delivery of one table napkin in the name of the whole 26 May 1634. Henry Roofe, Thomas Hawke, witnesses. Proved 2 July 1635 by Stephen Kett.

Debts owing to me, Elizabeth Kett. For Francis Lawes his wife for payment for laying of her in childbed 5*s*. Left in her hands for me by the godfathers or godmothers of her child. In money .... From Edmund Just for the like for his wife ....

FRANCIS KETT, son of Thomas and Agnes Kett.

Will of Stephen Verdon, Norfolk, 1572-3, fo. 90, step-father of Francis.

"I will that the charges of Francis Knyght's scole and Thomas' be borne by myne executors untyll Michaelmas nexte and 40*s*. the next yeare towards his learnynge."

The result of this learning can scarcely be said to be satisfactory. Mr. William Burton, minister, of Bristol, in his volume of sermons printed in London 1602, p. 345, calls Francis Kett "an Arian Heretick and consequently king-killer in will."

Francis Kett entered Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, 1563. He was elected Fellow 1573. He resigned his Fellowship 1580. He was burnt alive for heresy 14 Jan. 1588. Such is a short account of the facts. (Lansdowne MSS. 57, No. 75.)

Note from MSS. in vellum preserved in the Guildhall at Norwich: "1588. This year upon Tuesday, being the 14th day of January, Francis Knight *alias* Kett, Master of Arts, was burnt in the Castle Ditch for the most horrible heresy, denying that Christ was God, before His Ascension, and denying also the divinity of the Holy Ghost, and for many other erroneous opinions."

Harley MS. 39, B. 9, fo. 6, 72.

Articles of Heretical Pravity objected to by Sir Edmund Scramber (*sic*), Bishop of Norwich, against Francis Kett, Master of Arts, late of Wymondham in the diocese of Norwich, A.D. 1588.

I. That the Covenant promised is not yet established and that the Covenant which you mean is the law of God written in our hearts and the forgiveness of our Sinnes.

II. That there is no sufficient sacryfyce past for the synnes of the worlde, but that Christe shall offer it at the ende of the worlde.

III. That Chryste hath suffered only as Jesus allready and shall suffer hereafter as Jesus Cryste.

IIII. That Chryste is now in his human nature gathering a church in Erthe in Judea.

V. That this yere of our Lord 1588 dyverse Jewes shall be sent to dyvers countryes to publishe the new covenant.

VI. That Chryste shall again suffer and gyve his soule for the synnes of the worlde before the last dayes.

VII. That Chryste shall come before the ende of the worlde, before the last daye, etc.

These are the "various and detestable herisies" for which it was thought necessary to burn the unfortunate Francis Kett. It happened in the reign of good Queen Bess.

The Rev. H. P. Stokes, LL.D., writing about Corpus Christi College, says in a note, p. 84: "Malone and other writers have argued that Marlowe learnt his unfortunate religious or rather irreligious opinions from Francis Kett, a Fellow of this College." The usually accurate Malone is, however, mistaken, for Kett resigned his fellowship and left Cambridge in 1580, while Christopher Marlowe did not enter at Corpus till the early part of the following year. Moreover, the opinions held by Mr. Kett differed entirely from those of the poet, nor is there any proof that the Norfolk clergyman adopted his peculiar views till some time later. He was occupied with various scientific investigations, and in 1585 is styled a doctor of physic. In 1588, however, he was charged with holding certain heretical opinions. Burton, in "David's Evidence," 1596, notes "How holy he would seem to be—the sacred Bible almost never out of his hands, himself always in prayer," but he goes on to speak of him as an Arian heretic, a "devil incarnate." The poor man seems to have been hardly sane, as may be gathered both from the extraordinary opinions which he held and from the account of his conduct at his execution. He was condemned by Bishop Scamler and burnt in the Castle ditches at Norwich on 14 January 1589 (N.S.). Burton, who was present at the awful scene, tells us that when Kett went to the fire he was clothed in sackcloth and went leaping and dancing. Being in the fire, above twenty times together, clapping his hands, he cried nothing but "Blessed be God," and so continuing until the fire had consumed all his nether parts and until he was stifled with the smoke.

Mr. A. F. Pollard, in his "Political History of England," vol. 6, makes the same mistake of saying that Marlowe was taught at Cambridge by Francis Kett.

STEPHEN KETT, Butcher.

Wymondham Registers.

Burials.

1618 Nov. 23 Margaret Kett, wife of Stephen Kett.

Baptisms.

1615 Feb. 11 Sarah Kett the daughter of Stephen Kett.
1616 Dec. 29 Thomas Kett the son of Stephen Kett.
1620 April 25 Edward Kett the son of Stephen Kett.
1621 Dec. 30 Esay Kett the son of Stephen Kett.
1622 Oct. 22 Jacob Kett the son of Stephen Kett; died 1 Nov. 1623.

1624 Nov. 15 Jacob Kett the son of Stephen Kett, butcher.
1626 Mar. 15 Robert Kett the son of Stephen Kett, butcher.
1633 June 20 Henrie, son of Stephen Kett.

Burial.

1666 May 28 Ann Kett, widow.

Stephen, Sarah and Thomas (of Morley) were the children by Margaret, and Stephen is baptized before the Registers begin.

Edward, Esay or Esau, the two Jacobs, Robert and Henry are the children by Ann Castleton.

Will of John Castleton of Wymondham, Gent.

To Steven Kett and Ann his wife and their heirs a tenement which they have possession of, according as I have bargained and contracted to them in consideration of marriage. Signed John Castleton. Dated 13 Sept. 1624. Proved 19 Nov. 1624 by the executor.

Norfolk Archd. Court, Original Wills, 1624.

Grishaugh. 1632, Sept. 24. John Castleton has died and Stephen Kett and Ann his wife produce his will, in which he leaves to Stephen Kett and Ann his wife. His will is produced dated 13 Sept. 1624.

1633, Nov. 7. Stephen Kett, butcher, and Ann his wife come and surrender lands which they had under John Castleton's will. To use of John Strange.

Administration Norfolk, 1652, p. 24.

Stephen Kett. Upon the 22 day of August the Commissioners issued to Anne Kett, the relict of Stephen Kett, late of Wymondham, co. Norfolk, deceased, to administer the goods of the said deceased.

Probate Court Old Book, Norfolk Archdeaconry.

Samuel Kett and Elizabeth Cole married 1678. (Son of Stephen and Mary his wife, grandson of Stephen the butcher.)

ESAU KETT.

Venn's "Biographical History of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge," 1897.

Esau Kett, son of Stephen Kett, butcher, of Wymondham, Norfolk, was born and at school there seven years under Mr. Lock. Aged 16 he was admitted sizar 21 Jan. 1639-40, of Mr. Cruso, B.A., 1643-4. Ordained Deacon and Priest, Norwich, 22 Sept. 1644. Curate of Crownthorpe, Vicar of Wicklewood 1653—1688, and Rector of Crownthorpe 1657—1688.

He married Anne, daughter and coheir of Richard Wright. She was buried at Wicklewood 1671. He had two daughters and one son. Elizabeth, born 1656; Stephen, born 1660. Stephen married and had a daughter Elizabeth Kett, who was under age 1687. She is mentioned in the will of Edward Kett of Mattishall Bergh, yeoman, dated 1698, proved

1701. He was her great-uncle. Stephen must have died before his father, as his uncle Edward speaks of him as dead in 1698, and his father only mentions his daughter Elizabeth and his granddaughter Elizabeth.

Manor of Shadwells in Morley.

1654, Oct. 16. It is recorded that Esay Kett, Clerk, and Ann his wife appeared, and she surrendered her 7th part of 16 acres and a pightle called Ellis' pightle in Deepham, which the said Ann took up as one of six sisters and coheirs of Francis Wright, deceased. This sixth part the said Ann, together with Margaret, wife of Edmund Ball, Mary, wife of Sampson Sabberton, Martha, wife of Richard Baxter, Elizabeth Wright and Sarah Wright took up in copercenary.

Exchequer Bills and Answers, Chas., 2/32 Norf., 1662.

14 Chas. II., 1662. Esay Kett of Wicklewood, Clerk, debtor of His Majesty for nine years. Your poor Orator has been lawful incumbent of Wicklewood, but one John Skipp, gent., of Wicklewood will not pay the small tithes. The Vicarage is worth £30 per annum.

Answer of John Skipp 22 Nov. 1662. He says he doubts if Esay Kett was rightly inducted, though he gave him the living, and that during the late unhappy wars the Complainant hath wasted allermost of the houses belonging to the said Vicarage and imbesseled the tymbers and other materialls ther and hath neglected the Cure.

(It seems a rather difficult thing to embezzle timbers.)

Will of Esay Kett of Wicklewood, co. Norfolk, Clerk.

My soul to God and my body to Christian burial. To Elizabeth Kett, grandchild, £5 at 21. Residue to Elizabeth Kett, daughter, who is sole executrix. Mathew Gould, Richard Gould, Mathew Gould, Jun., witnesses. Dated 13 June 1687. Proved 16 Oct. 1688 by executrix.

Will of Edward Kett of Mattishall, co. Norfolk, yeoman.

To Colin Chamberlaine of Mattishall lands in Mattishall. To Elizabeth Kett, daughter of Stephen Kett, kinsman, deceased, £50 at 21. To each child of brother Henrie Kett, deceased, £5. To each child of brother Robert Kett, deceased, £5. Dated 22 Oct. 1698. Proved 27 March 1701. Norf. Archd. Original Wills, 1701, No. 8.

Queen's, Wymondham.

1677, Oct. 17. As at Court 26 March 1673 that Michael Shave and Anne his wife, and Francis Proctor and Abigail his wife surrender land in Wymondham to use of Edward Kett.

Will dated 1676 of William Moore of Wymondham, butcher.

To Mary my wife. To Elizabeth Kett my mother (in-law). To children of John Cullyer and Robert Reynolds my uncles. To my father-in-law Edward Kett. My brother-in-law Simon Howse to be supervisor. Proved 27 Oct. 1676. Norf. Archd. Court.

This Edward Kett was the son of Stephen Kett, butcher. He was baptised 1620, and his will was proved 1701 of Mattishall, yeoman. He was buried at Wymondham 24 March 1701.

Will of Robert Kett of Mattishall, Bergh, plowright, 7 July 1680. He made his nuncupative will.

Son Richard Kett. Daughter Alice Kett. Richard Barford, grandchild. Residue to wife Anne. Adm'on granted 25 Oct. 1680 to Ann Kett the relict. Norf. Archd. Register 1680, fo. 417, No. 321.

1616, Dec. 29. Thomas Kett the son of Stephen Kett, butcher, and Ann his wife was baptised at Wymondham.

1664-5, March 8. Thomas Kett buried at Morley St. Peter's.

1662, July 6. Philip Kett, son of Thomas Kett, baptised. (Mother's name Elizabeth.)

1664, Oct. 30. Dorcas Kett, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth, baptised.

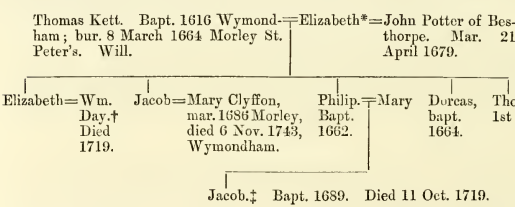
1686, Oct. 19. Jacob Kett and Mary Clyffon were married.

These latter entries are all at Morley St. Peter's.

1689, June 2. Also Jacob Kett, son of Philip Kett and Mary his wife, baptised.

Will of Thomas Kett of Morley St. Peter's, Norfolk, husbandman. Sound in mind but sick in body.

My messuage, land and tenements, freehold and copyhold in Morley St. Peter's and elsewhere to my wife Elizabeth, for the term of her natural life, and then all the same to my son Thomas Kett and his heirs for ever. To Elizabeth Kett my daughter £6 to be paid by my son Thomas. To Jacob Kett my son £6 to be paid, etc. To Philip Kett my son £6 to be paid, etc. To Dorcas Kett my daughter £6 to be paid, etc. Son Thomas not 21. Residue to Elizabeth my wife. Anna Seaborne, John Duffield, witnesses. 1664, fo. 27b. Date. No proof recorded.



Wymondham Registers. Baptisms.

1691 May 17 Thomas, son of Jacob Kett.
1692 Feb. 26 Philip, son of Jacob Kett.
1695 Feb. 23 Robert, son of Jacob Kett.

* 1679, April 21. Elizabeth Kett of this parish, widow, mar. to John Potter of Besthorpe. (Morley St. Peter's.)

† 1677, Sept. 11. Wm. Day of Wymondham and Elizabeth Kett mar. (Morley St. Peter's.)

‡ 1719, Oct. 11. Jacob Kett died. (Wymondham Registers.)

1698	June 13	Esau the son of Jacob Kett and Mary his wife.
1725	April 25	Mary, dau. of Esau and Mary Kett.
1730	May 24	Dorcas, dau. of Esau and Mary Kett.
1727	June 14	Esau, son of Esau and Mary Kett.
1732	April 11	Sarah, dau. of Esau and Mary Kett.
1734	July 28	John, son of Esau Kett and Mary.

Will of Robert Kett of Wymondham, yeoman.

To Esau Kett my brother my messuage in Wymondham, in occupation of John Kett, nephew, for life and then to Roger, one of the younger sons of said Esau. To niece Sarah, wife of Henry Tuttle, a messuage and land in Wramplingham, Norfolk, for life, remainder to Robert Kett. All other messuages in Wymondham to nephew John Kett for life, remainder to Michael Kett, great nephew, charged with payment of 1*s.* 6*d.* for life to nephew Esau Kett. Sarah, wife of Henry Tuttel, £50. Mary Copping and Dorcas Hardingham, nieces, £25 each. To Mary, wife of John Carter of Wymondham, peruke maker, £10. To great-nephews John and Robert, sons of nephew Jacob Kett, deceased, £5 each. To Sarah Rivett, kinswoman, £5. To children of nephew Philip Kett £5 each. To the several sons and daughters of Sarah Tuttel by a former husband £5 each. Nephew Robert Kett and friend Peter Stoughton of Wymondham, executors. Witnesses: Elizabeth Bearnard, Jeremiah Colman, Richard Bearnard. Dated 17 March 1780. Proved 30 July 1782.

Wymondham Registers.

1782	July 4	Mr. Robert Kett, buried, aged 88.
1695	Feb. 23	Robert, son of Jacob Kett, bapt.
1724	Dec. 8	Robert, son of Jacob Kett, and Mary Woodcock, both single, mar.

Will of Esau Kett of Wymondham, Norfolk, yeoman.

He charges his messuages in Wramplingham with payment of legacies, and subject to this executors to sell the same and give proceeds to niece Mary, daughter of deceased brother John Kett. Also to Elizabeth and Sarah, daughters of said brother John, £10 each at 21. Said niece Mary and friend Mr. John Carter of Wymondham, Innkeeper, executrix and executor. All personal estate to said Mary. Peter Stoughton, M. A. Stoughton, Jno. C. Stoughton, witnesses. Dated 18 Dec. 1789. Proved 20 Aug. 1791 by ex'or. Norf. Archd. Register, 1791, No. 46, fo. 192.

Wymondham Registers.

Burial.

1791	June 30	Esau Kett, aged 64 (born about 1727).

Marriages.

1765	Dec. 14	Roger Kett of this parish, single man, and Elizabeth Cornwall of this parish, single woman.
1751	Feb. 3	John Rivit and Sarah Kett, both single.

Baptisms.

1766	Sept. 24	Mary, dau. of Roger and Elizabeth Kett.
1768	Oct. 17	Jacob, son of ,, ,,
1771	Feb. 21	George, ,, ,, ,,
1773	April 28	Ann, dau. of ,, ,,

Marriages.

1801	Aug. 27	Jacob Kett of this parish, bachelor, and Mary Tickling of the same parish, spinster.
1792	Oct. 10	Anthony Bunn of this parish, bachelor, and Mary Kett of the same parish, spinster.

Philip Kett, son of Jacob Kett who married Mary Clyffon, went to live at Old Buckenham, near Attleboro', Norfolk.

Registers at Old Buckenham.

1714	Sept. 30	Sarah, dau. of Philip Kett and Elizabeth his wife, baptized.
1717	Jan. 1	Philip, son of Philip and Elizabeth Kett, bapt.
1720	—	Mary, dau. of Philip and Elizabeth Kett, bapt.
1724	May 31	Jacob, son of Philip and Elizabeth Kett, bapt.

We remember that Esau Kett, son of Jacob Kett and Mary Clyffon, married Mary, and though we do not know where they married, the children were baptized at Wymondham, at least the younger ones. By their uncle Robert's will 1780, and from Wymondham Registers, we find Esau, the eldest son, who died 1791, leaving a will; he was evidently unmarried. He was buried at Wymondham.

Then came John Kett, baptized 1734. He married Sarah, and was buried at Wymondham 1807, aged 77.

John Kett had daughters Sarah, Mary and Elizabeth, and sons Michael and John. Michael married Elizabeth Reynolds at Wymondham 1794. She died 1845, aged 77. Michael was baptized 1768 and died 1826, aged 58, leaving children Elizabeth, Robert, Lydia, Maria and John. Robert was baptized 1795. He married and left a son William Kett of Wicklewood, who married Sarah, daughter of Richard Kett.

Esau's third son was Jacob Kett, who married Elizabeth Howlen 1757. Robert Kett, the fourth son, died 1784. Roger Kett, the fifth son, was baptized 1740 and was buried at Wymondham 1800.

Roger Kett married Elizabeth Cornwall 14 Dec. 1765, and they had four children, Mary, Jacob, George and Ann. Their marriages are transcribed from the Wymondham Register, see pp. 109, 110.

Morley St. Botolph's Register.

1799	Jan. 1	George Kett of Wymondham and Catherine Potter of Morley St. Peter, married.

Wymondham Registers.

Baptisms.

1800		Eliza, dau. of George Kett and Catherine Potter, born July 13; bapt. 17.

1801 William, son of George and Catherine Kett, born Dec. 6; bapt. 30.
1803 Thomas, son of George and Catherine Kett, born Mar. 17; bapt. April 6.
1806 Asa, son of George and Catherine Kett, born Mar. 23; bapt. 23.
1809 George, son of George and Catherine Kett, born June 26; bapt. July 12.
1811 Jacob, son of George and Catherine Kett, born Aug. 25; bapt. Sept. 11.
1812 Esau, son of George and Catherine Kett, born Nov. 5; bapt. Dec. 25.
1814 Barbara, dau. of George and Catherine Kett, born —; bapt. May 22.

CHAPTER XI.

THOMAS KNYGHT *alias* KETT, married Frances Mayde; died 1612.

WYMONDHAM, QUEEN'S MANOR.

1573, May 1. At P. Record Office. Inquisition *ex officio* Thomas Kett and John Kett. Then comes John Gedney and Ann his wife and surrender a close containing 4 acres 1 and a half roods land called Bellescloses to Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett.

1573, Oct. 29. Then come Thomas Mytchell and Frances his wife and surrender all that part which the said Frances held since the death of Thomas Dunton, formerly taken up 22 Nov. 1562. To use of Thomas Knight *alias* Kett.

Then come William Crane and Mary his wife and surrender their $\frac{1}{3}$ part of a close opposite Westwode, formerly in the farm of William Tonge, 7 acres. To Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett.

1574, April 5. John Symonds, junior, comes and surrenders messuages and 31 acres of tenement. To use of Thomas Kett; no fine was paid because the land was mortgaged. Afterwards Thomas Kett surrenders again to the use of John Symonds, Junr.

1575, March 31. Comes Henry Tytsale and surrenders 4 acres 1 rood in tenement Barkers. To use of Thomas Kett.

To this Court the Lady comes and concedes to Thomas Kett a parcell of 7 acres in Bystland that Thomas Kett alienates and sells to John Pelles all that part by Westwade formerly Denton's.

CROMWELL'S.

1576, April 6. Thomas Knight *alias* Kett, Frances his wife, present in Court, surrender lands near le Gameplace.

1578, Oct. 13. That Thomas Kett, native tenant, out of Court, surrenders a messuage containing 9 acres and land Joly by Grishaugh, formerly Walter Wadkers, in Wymondham. To use of James Sebarn, etc. And afterwards said Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett and Frances his wife come and also Valentine Knyght *alias* Kett and Adam Knyght *alias* Kett and surrenders and quitclaims to James Sebarn said promisses.

Fine, Hilary 1578-9, Jan., Feb. Between William Kett, senior, and Thomas Kett and Frances his wife of 17 acres in Wymondham and Crownthorpe.

Fine, Hilary 1578-9. Between Robert Tilney and Thomas Kett and Frances his wife and Roger Wotton, Gent., of 29 acres of land in Wymondham, Crownthorpe and East Tuddenham.

WYMONDHAM, QUEEN'S.

1579, Mar. 30. On inquisition of office of bailiff William Kett, Senior. Adam Kette.

Comes William Wiseman and surrenders one and a half roods of land called le Gravelpytte, which said William took up 10 Oct. 1570. To use of Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett.

1580, April 7. Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett fined 3*d.* for permitting cattle of his to wander in a field north of Wymondham. At this Court, the third, it is asked if there is a claim on 2 tenements in Vicars Street in Wymondham formerly in tenure of John Agas. The Lady concedes the same to Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett, also 4 acres, Barkers, and Pelham, Davies, also le Gravelpytte. The Queen grants said premisses to Thomas Kett and Frances his wife for the term of their lives, and after the decease of said Thomas and Frances to Stephen K. *alias* K. and John K. *alias* K., sons of said Thomas and Frances. Then to the legitimate heirs of said Stephen and John. Thomas K. *alias* K. comes and surrenders a close called Bellesclose, called formerly Barbersclose in Northfield in Wymondham, which said Thomas formerly held and surrendered. The Lady reconcedes the premises to Thomas with remainder to Thomas his son, said Thomas the son to pay Frances and Joan his sisters £20 sterling when they are 18 years of age. Thomas the father gives a fine and does fealty.

Thomas surrenders Cundyt Close which he formerly held and surrendered on surrender of Valentine K. *alias* K. With the intention the Lady regrant the same to Thomas and Frances his wife for their lives, then to Stephen and John, sons of said Thomas and Frances, and to the heirs of said Stephen and John. And he gives a fine.

1580, Oct. 17. Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett, customary tenant, comes and surrenders 4 acres 1 rood of underwood, a close tenement called Barkers, and a tenement Enterbate, and Pelham, Danyell and Davy in a close in Norton, Maydew in Downham, which said Thomas Kett formerly on surrender Henry Tytshall, also le Gravellpitte, two tenements in Vicars street, also an enclosure called Bellescloses. To use of Thomas Barret for ten years, after that to Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett and his heirs.

Exchequer Bills and Answers, Norfolk, No. 35.

1581, Easter. Edward Flowerdewe, sergt.-at-law, steward of Queen's Manor, complains that Thomas Kett, yeoman, was seized of pastures, etc., lately purchased of Sir Harry Cobham, Knt., lying in the said town, has lately taken divers beasts found straying in the manor, . . . the said Kett has lately entered into a parcell of land containing about one acre lying in Northfield of Wymondham called Mill Hill, claiming it as his freehold, and has lately erected a new windmill thereon to the loss of Her Majesty's Mill. Plaintiff prays for remedy. Allowed by Court.

The Answer of Thomas Kett. The Queen is seized of 2 closes, called Bixland and Ballymunders and Cudyt Meadows, Sir Henry Cobham conveyed land called Myll Hill to John Edmund, who built the mill for the use of Her Majesty's tenants and subjects dwelling in Wymondham.

1581, April 4. The Jurors swear on the Sacrament that Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett, native tenant, surrenders by the hand of John Kett, native tenant, Westwood, that among others the said Thomas took up 12 Oct. 1580. To use of John Gooch.

GRISHAUGH.

1582, July 22. Thomas Kett surrenders to Thomas Earburgh *alias* Crane lands which said Thomas took up 1577 on surrender of William Knyght *alias* Kett and other lands which he took up on surrender of Richard Kett at the same Court.

1583, April 4. It is presented that Stephen Mayde surrendered on witness of Valentine Kett all lands which he then held on condition of £117 payment; afterwards Stephen Mayde with Anna his wife sold these premises to Thomas Kett on certain conditions. Deed dated 1 March 1581.

1583, Oct. 4. That John Nevile surrenders 12 acres, 2 acres, 7 acres and 2 enclosures called Greues, which last he took up from Valentine Kett 4 April 1581 in presence of Thomas Kett and Thomas Haste, gent., to Edward Page of Framlingham.

1584, Oct. 5. John Agas comes with complaint that Thomas Kett without title enters 2 tenements in Vicars Street. Thomas makes default and John Aggas is admitted and does fealty.

1585, April 14. Robert Barret and Ann his wife ask of Elizabeth Courold, widow, a third part of a piece of land Blery in Silfield, and one-third part of land by Bromehall, which was dowry of same Ann from Robert Courold deceased formerly her husband.

Ann was sister of Thomas Knyght *alias* Kett who married Frances Mayde. She married first Robert Courold and secondly Robert Barret of Wymondham.

1586, March 14. It was made known by the bailiff service of Stephen Mayde and Anne his wife that Thomas Kett did not own and restore a messuage in Damgate. Thomas comes and asks to be admitted to a narrow messuage in Chapelgate, formerly Walter Rome's, and also part of a cottage formerly Roger Whytaine's, and to a tenement in Chapelgate Street formerly Walter Rome's, and to another tenement and messuage in Chapelgate and to more land. Thomas Kett gives fine and does fealty.

1586-7, March 14. Thomas Kett and Frances his wife surrender all undermentioned property to the use of John Kett and Mary his wife and Elizabeth Rynching.

Grishaugh.

1592, Nov. 7. Sylfield. Homage say that Thomas Knight *alias* Kett about the 20th July last unlawfully entered a meadow near Westwade Chapel, and he enclosed with fences and ditches a parcel of land about one rood. And he cut down wood and took it away, and enclosed more land near the mill pool. The bailiff is ordered to seise into the Lord's hands the bond lands and tenements that Thomas occupies, because he holds the same without any surrender and is in all things disobedient, to the bad example of other tenants.

1593. Thomas Kett unlawfully felled an ash-tree within the free land of this manor, he is ordered not to do it again, fine 6*d.*, under penalty of 40*s.* Thomas Kett unlawfully feeds his sheep on the common pasture, fined 12*d.* Said Thomas burdens another common pasture with his sheep, fined 6*d.*

Exchequer Bills and Answers, Norfolk, No. 135. Public Record Office.

Thomas Kett, late of Wymondham, yeoman, and Richard Kett, brother and heir of Thomas Kett deceased. Concerning a messuage in Towngreue, Wymondham, and meadow or wood called Bixland. Twelve acres and 15 acres, and Cundit meadow 12 acres. Thomas Kett enfeoffed William Thorpe and he enfeoffed Thomas Kett, junior. Thomas Kett

was Orator's father, and he acted in this way for his will. In 1583, Feb. 19, your Orator was a tenant at will. Orator acknowledged the Statute of Staple and took on the payment of £75. Now Thomas Kett, junior, is dead and the premises descend to Richard his brother your Orator.

Thus we see that Thomas Kett who married Frances Mayde had sons Thomas and Richard.

Exchequer Bills and Answers, No. 145.

Orator Thomas Kett of Wymondham, yeoman, by reason of one Stephen Mayde long dead, answerable for the debts of one John Allott, citizen and alderman of London, Orator became indebted to his Majesty in £85 and was imprisoned. Sir Henry Wodehouse, High Sheriff, and Henry Hall, Under Sheriff, gathered £13 18s., and also certain chattles of one William Kett, farmer, of certain lands of your poor Orator's. Writ issued by John Baxter. 27 Eliz., 1584-5.

Answer. The lands were sold back to Thomas Kett the younger.

1591, May 6. He speaks of William Kett.

Exchequer Bills and Answers. Eliz., Norfolk, No. 279, 1589—90.

Thomas Earborough *alias* Crane of Wymondham, co. Norfolk, Draper, and John E. *alias* C. of Pulham Market, draper, complains that Thomas E. was indebted to Thomas Kett for £50 by an obligation dated 27 Sept. 1581, they and Edward E. baker, deceased, became bound to Anthony Kett then an infant in the sum of £100 for payment of £50 on Lammas Day 1588 at the mansion house of Thomas Kett in Wymondham. Before payment was made at Michaelmas 1587 an order was made as follows: That whereas John Allot, citizen of London and Mayor of Staple owed the Queen money, and in discharge 1 July 1584 he assigned to her Majesty a writing obligatory, acknowledged by one Thomas Kett 19 Feb. 1583 of £160 to John Allot, whereupon process had been awarded, to find out what lands said Thomas Kett had. It was found Thomas was sufficient, but that to deceive his creditors he conveyed away his lands and sold his goods and took bonds for payment of money due in the name of his children. When the money was due he received it himself and delivered the bonds, and so bought and sold in other men's names. *Inter alia* the said Thomas Kett had an assurance of copyhold lands of John Symonds of Wymondham on condition he pay said Thomas £15 yearly. The said Antony Kett died intestate, and the obligation remains in the hands of Thomas Kett uncancelled. Thomas refuses to deliver it to plaintiffs, and procured administration last March of the goods of said Antony to be committed to Richard Kett, another of the sons of Thomas Kett.

The answers of Thomas and Richard Knight *alias* Kett. About 1583 plaintiff bought copyhold lands in Wymondham of Thomas Kett for £230. Thomas had four young sons altogether unprovided for; he therefore appointed to each £50, and Anthony being one of the four, he apprenticed to a draper and tailor. The £50 to be paid about 7 years after, to set him up in trade. Whereupon plaintiff came down on Antony, then an infant, in the sum of £100 with condition said £50 be paid on Lammas Day 1588. Some time afterwards, at request of Stephen Mayde, brother of Thomas Kett's wife, defendant and Mayde became bound to John Allot in Statute of Staple of £160 for payment of £85. Stephen

Mayde was hindered by unjust causes taken against him by Plaintiff, Thos. Earborough, and did not pay the £85, so statute was forfeited and Allot assigned it to her Majesty, and process of extent was awarded to extend Defendant's lands at £20 13*s.* 4*d.* per ann. They were really worth £60 and his goods at £80. About £250 was levied of Defendants. Plaintiff came to Antony Kett and brought a purse containing £50 on which Thomas Kett, a younger brother of Anthony, he had the said bond and letter of attorney authorising him to receive the same, which he would give up on receipt of the money, but Plaintiff refused to pay Thomas; he afterwards paid Henry Rolfe. Defendant is persuaded there is no cause to seek relief in the Court against Richard Kett, administrator of the goods of Anthony his brother, who when the bond came into his hands commenced suit against Plaintiffs.

Grishaugh.

1607, Sept. 29. Norton. That Thomas Kett does not repair and maintain a post and bolt between le gate land (near Stanfield Hall). He owes for this and is ordered to repair by Pentecost under penalty of 3*s.* 4*d.*

1610, Aug. 20. Thomas Kett, 30 Jan. 1609, surrendered a parcel of land in Middleton Towngrene, which Thomas formerly had to himself and heirs, to the use of Stephen Kett, his heirs and assigns, who is present and is admitted.

Will of Thomas Kett of Wymondham, co. Norfolk, yeoman.

Being sick he made his nuncupative will and desired to be buried in the Church of Wymondham, and left all his goods to his wife Frances Kett and appointed her sole executrix. Stephen Kett, John Sparke, witnesses. Dated 1 June 1612. Proved 24 July 1612 at Wymondham. Norf. Archd. Register, 1612, fo. 144.

RICHARD KETT of Wicklewood.

Fine 1611, Michaelmas. John Durrant *v.* Richard Kett and Elizabeth his wife and Robert Sherwood and Dorothy his wife, one messuage and 40 acres of land in Wymondham.

Fine 1618-19, Hillary. John Furmary, clerk, and Margery Furmary, widow, *v.* Richard Kett, gent., and Elizabeth his wife and Alexander Folsham and Briget his wife.

Fine 1618-19. Richard Kett, gent., *v.* Francis Alcock, gent., and Margaret his wife, Ashwellthorpe.

Fine 1624, Michaelmas. Richard Kett, gent., and Joan Jennynge *v.* Richard Walker *alias* Waker, Robert Mycklebrowe and Mary his wife in Wramplingham.

Wymondham, Queen's Manor. 1627.

1677, Oct. 17. It is ascertained that Robert Agas surrendered land to the use of Loye Agas, son and heir apparent of Robert Agas, and to Martha Agas daughter of Robert Agas. Robert died intestate. Loye Agas comes and asks to be admitted to land, 1 Aug. 1627, in the tenure of Richard Kett, which the aforesaid Robert Agas took up at Court 20 Chas. II., April 8, after the death of Robert Agas his father. And immediately said Loye Agas and Martha his wife come and surrender land once Loye Agas', uncle of said Loye.

Fine 1635-6, Hillary. Martin Sidley, Arm. *v.* Richard Kett, gent., and Beatrix his wife, in Wymondham and Barford.

Will of William Payne of Wymondham, gent., dated 1 June 1649. Richard Kett a witness, Consist. Court.

Cromwell Manor.

1653. Presented that Richard Kett, gent., died since last Court and that Thomas Kett, gent., is his son and heir, who comes and prays admission to his father's lands, which said Richard Kett took up on the death of Frances Kett, his mother, of the surrender of Stephen Kett 17 Oct. 1626, and also other lands, which Richard took up on surrender of Thomas Kett, deceased, 6 Aug. 1607.

THOMAS KETT of Wicklewood, gent.

Marriage Licence, Norwich.

1634, Jan. 31. Thomas Kett of Wymondham, singleman, and Elizabeth Meene of Wymondham, singlewoman, at Wicklewood.
(The lady's name was not Elizabeth, but Susanna.)

Manor of Wicklewood Ampuers.

1635, Nov. 3. 11 Chas. I. At a Court held on this date, Thomas Kett, gent., appeared, and he is admitted to certain lands, 1 rood of land in Southgate field in Wicklewood, and he is admitted to the same on surrender of Henry Meene. At this same Court appears Edona, wife of Christopher Postell, Anne Meene, and Susanna, wife of Thomas Kett, the sisters and co-heirs of Henry Meene, junior, deceased, who are of full age, and they are admitted and at once surrender to Thomas Kett.

Wicklewood Parish Register. 1653, Anne Kett the wife of Thomas Kett, gent., buried 25 May.

1660-1, Jan. 22. On this date Thomas Kett of Wicklewood, gent., is admitted to a close, Ampuers Bushes in Wicklewood. One and a half acres in Southfield, one rood in Neckar's Close, on the surrender of Lionel Pitts and Ursula his wife. Now to this Court comes Hester Kett, widow and relict of Richard Kett, gent., deceased, son of the said Thomas, and produces Thomas Kett's will, dated 16 Jan. 1680, proved before Esay Kett, clerk, M.A., surrogate, etc., in which he gives Esther Kett his daughter-in-law lands in Wicklewood and Crownthorpe, and the said Esther Kett is thereupon admitted to one rood of land late John Nicker's in Southgate field in Wicklewood, one rood next Calfhaugh lane, and one and a half acres in Wicklewood.

Queen's Manor, Wymondham.

1679, Oct. 13. To this Court comes Thomas Kett, gent., and Alice his wife, and surrenders one half acre taken up 23 Chas. I., Oct. 11, on surrender of Thomas Beale, and other lands taken up 11 Oct. 1653. To use of John Ellis of Wymondham, baker. Together with Hester Kett, relict of Richard Kett, son of said Thomas Kett. And also Mary

Kett and Elizabeth Kett, daughters of said Richard and Hester, at the age of 21. If it should happen that the said Mary and Elizabeth should die before they attain the age of 21 years . . . .

Le Neve pedigree, with additions from Wicklewood Rolls, Registers and wills.

Henry le Neve. = Alice, only dau. and heir of Henry Neve of Norwich. = Thomas Kett. Died 1680. 2nd husband. = Susanna Meene, sister of Henry Meene, jun., deceased; died Aug. 1646. 1st wife. = Anne, bur. 25 May 1653.

Hester le Neve = Richard Kett. Born 1643; died before 1681. Son of Thos. Kett.

Mary, born 29 June 1669; bur. at Bawdeswell 11 Nov. 1741. = Henry Eglington of Bawdeswell, gent.

Elizabeth, born 9 Oct. 1674; died 22 April 1718. = Peter Parham of Swanton Morley, gent.

Will of Stephen Dillan of Wymondham, 19 April 1668, grocer.

To Elizabeth, my sister, money left her under the will of Robert Dillan of Wymondham my father, deceased. To John Dillan my brother. My kinsman Thomas Kett of Wicklewood, gent., to be executor. Proved 31 May 1668. Norfk. Archd. Court.

Manor of Gunviles, Wymondham.

1673, April 28. Thomas Kett, gent., fined 3*d.* for not paying his quit rents for his lands.

1677, April 30. On this date the homage present that Thomas Kett, gent., on the 8th of December last, came before the Steward of the Manor in the presence of Esau Kett, clerk, and Richard Starke, and surrendered his lands in Northfield in Wymondham, called Kett's field, to the use of his will hereafter to be declared.

1680, May 2. At this Court the death of Thomas Kett, gent., was presented, and it was found that Mary Kett and Elizabeth Kett the daughters of Richard Kett were his heirs.

Manor of Wicklewood Ampuers.

1679, Nov. 11. At this date mention is made of Thomas Kett, gent., and Alice his wife and also of Susanna his late wife, which Susanna together with Edona, wife of Christopher Porth,* and Anne Meene were the sisters and co-heirs of Henry Meene, junior, now deceased, and they surrender their lands to John Ellis, baker.

Queen's Manor, Wymondham.

1681, Oct. 17. 33 Chas. II. 53/5 P.R.O. As at Court 12 Chas. II. Nov. 13, Thomas Kett, gent., surrendered a tenement to the use of his will (that Thomas Kett died after the last Court), witnessed 16 Jan. 1680, "to Mary Kett my grandchild at 21" (Mary is aged 10 years) land which Thomas took up 1653 after the death of Richard Kett his father.

* See p. 117, Christopher Postell.

Will of Thomas Kett of Wicklewood, co. Norfolk, gent.

To the poor of Wicklewood, 20*s*. To Esther Kett, daughter-in-law, tenement at Wicklewood. Brother Philip Kett. To Mary Kett, grandchild, not 21. To Elizabeth Kett, grandchild, not 21. To Alice wife. John Ellis to be sole executor. Witnesses: Fr. Neve, L. Hinton, Michael Duffield. (Signed) Thomas Kett. Dated 16 Jan. 1680-1. Proved 2 March 1680-1. Norfk. Archd. Register, 1680, fo. 345, No. 280.

HENRY KETT.

Will of Henry Kett. P.C.C., 104, Rivers.

I, Henry Kett, being going out upon the publique service and being uncertain of my retourne, doo leave this as my last will and testament. I doo give to my deare ffather that bond of £10 which is due to me from Master Wemdom, with power to receive it. And likewise a receipt which I had for a horse that I carryed in for the States service, which was valued at £25, to be at his disponynge. And I doo give to my Brother Thomas Kett that money which is owing to me from Mr. Grundey, Goldsmith of Lynn, and that which Mr. Pikle of Norwich oweth me, with power to receive it. And I doo give to my Sister Cooke that money which Mr. Banton oweth mee with power, etc. And I doo give to my Sister Tyte one diamond ringe with seaven stones in it. And to my Sister Dove that money my brother Totney oweth me with 32 ounces of silver things which came out of my glas, my ounces of lace and the Lease of my house, she paying the rent for it, which is £20 a year. And I doo give to my brother Phillip Hall my tables and glasses, with all my clothes, muskett rest, and bandyloons. And for my household stuff I shall leave to my father's disponynge. In witness whereof I have sett to my hand this 5th July 1643.

Henry Kett.

I have left 6 small gould rings with my sister Dove, which I doo give her, if it please Godd I doo not retourne. And that money which my brother Thomas Kett oweth me I desire his eldest daughter may have, which be about £6.

Henry Kett.

This ring inclosed is for my sister Tyte.

Date 5 July 1643. Probate 4 Aug. 1645 to Richard Kett, father of the deceased.

Genealogical Gleanings in England. Waters.

Philip Kett witnessed a will of Samuel Cooke of Dublin, Ireland.

Will of Samuel Cooke.

To Anne, wife, messuages called Rowses in St. Andrew's, Ringfield, Suffolk. Son John Cooke. Daughter Annie Cooke. Brother (insane) John Cooke. Brother Erasmus Cooke. Thomas Cooke, City of London, goldsmith, kinsman. Clement Chaplaine of Wethersfield, New England, kinsman, Tobias Norris, Dublin, gent., Ex'ors. John Fiske of Rollesden, Suffolk, gent., kinsman, supervisor. Witnesses: Augustine Dudley, Philip Kett. Date June 1642. Probate 29 Sept. 1642.

Erasmus Cooke=Joan Hawkins, mar. at Ubbeston 1564.

Erasmus Cooke=Margaret Fiske.

Samuel Cooke.=Anne. Erasmus Cooke. John Cooke.
Will 1642.

John Cooke. Anne Cooke.

It will be seen in the pedigree that Mary, daughter of Richard Knyght *alias* Kett (who married Elizabeth and who died at Wicklewood 1653), married Thomas Cooke of Denton as her first husband, and Anthony Barry of Syleham, Suffolk, gent., as her second husband, the latter dying 1679. So here again we have a connection with the Cookes. This sister of Henry Kett's is noticed in his will as "sister Cooke." He also mentions "Sister Tyte" and "Sister Dove."

This next will throws some light on this branch of the family.

Will of Richard Smith of the County of Norfolk, gent.

To Ralph and John and Robert Smith, my brothers. To my 5 sisters. To Mr. Thomas Kett. To my uncle William Cooke. To Mr. Walter Dove. To Mrs. Judith Dove ("Sister Dove"). Date 6 March 1648. Proved 9 March 1648. See will of Loye Agas 1611.

Wicklewood Registers.

1574 Tery Kett ye dau. of Thomas Kett and ffrancis his wyfe was buryed ye 26th day of August 1574.

1630 John Kitts, singleman, and Susanna Girlinge, singlewoman, weare married 3 Oct.

1636 Elizth. Kett, dau. of Thomas Kett, Gent., and Susanna his wife, bapt. 27 April.

Lionell Pitt, Thomas Bailys, } Churchwardens.

1638 Susanna Kett, dau. of Thomas Kett, gent., and Susan his wife, was baptised 29 of May.

1639 Thomas Kett, son of Thomas Kett, gent., and Susanna his wife, bapt. 23 March.

1641 Ann Kett ye dau. of Thomas Kett, Gent., and Susan his wyfe bapt. 22 December.

1643 Richard Kett the sonne of Mr. Thomas Kett and Susan his wife bapt. 1 Nov.

1646 Susan Kett the wife of Mr. Thomas Kett was buried 20 Aug.

1647-8 Elizth. Kett was buried 6 Jan.

1649 Elizth. Kett the dau. of Phillip Kett and Margaret his wife was bapt. 20 Sept.

1651 Mary Kett the dau. of Phillip Kett and Margarett his wife was baptised 3 June.

1653 Richard Kett, Gent., was buried the 21 May.

1653 Anne Kett the wife of Thomas Kett, gent., was buried the 30 May.

1654 Essay Kett, clk., and Anne Wright were married the 30th Sept. before Edmund Burman, J.P., at St. Peter's Church in Norwich, by Mr. Hartly, Cler.

1655 Anne Kett, dau. of Essay Kett and Anne his wife, was borne Aug. 1.
1656 Elizth. Kett, dau. of Essay Kett, clr., and Anne his wife, was borne and baptised the 23rd Oct.
1657 John Kits was buried the 22 May.
1660 Stephen Kett the sonne of Essay Kett and Ann his wife was bapt. 10 April.
1663 Elizth. Kett the dau. of Thomas Kett and Susan his wife was buried 8 May.
1668 Elizth. the dau. of Philip Kett and Margaret his wife was buried 2 March. Essay Kett, Vicar.
1669 Mary the dau. of Richard Kett, Gent., and Esther his wife was bapt. 11 Feb.
1670 Richard the son of Richard Kett, Gent., and Esther his wife was buried 12th Feb.
1671 Anne the wife of Essay Kett, Vicar, was buried 7 Aug.
1672 ffrancis the dau. of Richard Kett, Gent., and Esther his wife was buried the 4th of April.
1672 ffrancis the dau. of Richard Kett, Gent., and Esther his wife was buried the 3rd of May.
1674 Elizabeth the dau. of Richard Kett, Gent., and Esther his wife was baptised 19 Oct.
1676 Richard Kett, Gent., was buried the 25th Sept.
1680 Thomas Kett, Gent., was buried the 19th of January.
1688 Essay Kett, Vicar of Wicklewood, buryed 10 July at Crownthorpe.

Essay Kett, Vicar of Wicklewood from 1652 to 1688.

THE FAMILIES OF CROSS AND CAMPLING.

Stephen Kett.

Stephen Kett (born about 1576), son of Thomas Knight *alias* Kett and Frances Mayde his wife, took up land in Wymondham, Queen's Manor, with his father, which he surrendered 1626 to his brother Richard Kett of Wicklewood. By Ann his first wife, daughter of Loy Agas of Wymondham by Barbara his wife (daughter of Thomas Kett and Agnes), he had one son Stephen, who died 1655 unmarried; and the issue of this first marriage was continued in the line of Ann, daughter of Stephen and Ann. She married Francis Proctor of Wymondham; their daughter married Thomas Crosse, whose descendants had several inter-marriages with the Ketts.

Stephen Kett was born at Wymondham 1647, and was ancestor by Margaret, his 3rd wife, of the Ketts of Yarmouth, 1668—1812.

Grishaugh, Wymondham.

1610, Aug. 20. At court, Thomas Kett surrendered land in Townegrene to the use of Stephen Kett and his heirs.

Cromwells, Wymondham.

1654, April 20. At court, Stephen Kett, son and heir of Stephen Kett, deceased, surrendered land.

GRISHAUGH, WYMONDHAM.

1655, Aug. 1. At court, it was found that Stephen Kett surrendered to the use of his will, etc.

Will of Stephen Kett of Wymondham, co. Norfolk, singleman.

Land in Wymondham bought by Stephen Kett my father, deceased, to Thomas Kett my brother; to my brother-in-law Francis Proctor and Elizabeth Crosse his daughter, etc. Dated 10 July 1655. Proved 29 June 1659.

Chancery Bills and Answers.

1658, Feb. 12. Proctor *v.* Kett. Francis Proctor of Wymondham, brother-in-law to Stephen Kett late of Wymondham, gent., deceased, and Ann Kett, sister of the said Stephen and Thomas Crosse of Wymondham and Elizabeth his wife, and Ann Proctor, spinster. The said Elizabeth and Ann being daughters to Francis Proctor and nieces unto Stephen Kett, complain that the said Stephen was seized of copyholds as by his will dated 11 July 1655, and a messuage in Cakewyk in Wymondham, which was bought by Stephen Kett, father of testator, and was devised by testator to Stephen Kett, eldest son of testator's brother Thomas Kett, and that the said messuage was seized by said Thomas Kett to the complainant's injury.

Thomas Kett answers that the said land and messuage was bought by his grandfather, and by him entailed, and that the will was detained and kept from defendant by one Thomas Kett of Wicklewood, who wrote it, etc., etc.

Wymondham Regis.

1674, October 13. At court, John Vale surrendered land called Alexander's in Towngrene in Wymondham to the use of Thomas Crosse and Elizabeth his wife.

1677, January 2. At court, John Dey surrendered lands in presence of Thomas Crosse and George Kett, which he took up 1673 after death of Stephen Dey his father.

1671. George Kett and Sarah Dey married.

St. Clement's Norwich Register.

1690 George Kett and Ann Crosse married.

Wymondham Registers.

1665	Oct. 15	Ann, dau. of Thomas Crosse, bapt.
1668	Oct. 30	Frances, ,, ,,
1686	Dec. 20	Thomas Crosse, bur.
1698	Nov. 24	Francis, son of Francis and Sarah Crosse, bapt.
1717	Aug. 26	Elizabeth Crosse, widow, buried.

Administration of the effects of Thomas Crosse of Wymondham, co. Norfolk, deceased, granted 1 Feb. 1687 to Elizabeth Crosse his widow.

MANOR OF SHADWELLS IN MORLEY, CO. NORFOLK.

1687, Oct. 27. At this court Edward Heyhoe, gent., surrendered land in Deopham and Morley to the use of George Kett of Wymondham and his heirs.

Will of Ann Proctor of Wymondham, co. Norfolk, spinster.

To John Francis and Robert Crosse, children of my sister Elizabeth Crosse, widow. To Francis Proctor my brother. To Ann Crosse my kinswoman. To Thomas Kett my uncle, etc., etc. Dated 21 March 1687. Proved 20 March 1695.

Will of Elizabeth Crosse of Wymondham, co. Norfolk, widow.

To Francis Crosse my son, and my daughter Ann now wife of George Kett of Wymondham, gent., etc., etc. Dated 20 October 1715. Proved 1717.

Will of Francis Cross of Acle, co. Norfolk.

To Sarah my wife land in Acle, she to bring up my children. Witness Thomas Coates. Dated 12 August 1720. Proved November 1720.

Norfolk Election Poll, 1734.

George Cross, residing at Acle, voted as a freeholder in Mautby.

Will of George Kett of Wymondham, co. Norfolk.

Being aged. To my sons George, Thomas and Stephen Kett. To my daughter Ann wife of Thomas Calver. To Ann my wife. To Frances my daughter, wife of John Thirkettle of Norwich. To my daughter Sarah Cross, widow, lands in Morley, Deopham, Wrampingham, Hethersett and Diss in the co. of Norfolk for life, and after her decease to her son George Cross. To her other children Elizabeth, Robert and Francis Cross when of age. Dated 18 December 1722. Proved 19 January 1723.

Marble slab in north aisle of Wymondham Church.

George Kett died 1722, aged 85 years.

Manor of Shadwells in Morley, co. Norfolk.

1724, April 7. At this court the death of George Kett is presented and his will produced, dated 18 December 1722, in which he gives his lands in Morley, Deopham, Wramplingham, Hethersett and Diss to his daughter Sarah Cross; the said Sarah Cross, widow, now comes and is admitted to the same.

Will of Ann Kett of Wymondham, co. Norfolk, widow.

1740, December 2. Being aged, make my will. To Stephen Kett my son. To Mr. Thomas Calver my son-in-law and his children Ann and Mary my grandchildren. To William Cross of Wymondham my kinsman. Proved 7 February 1740.

Will of Sarah Coates of Acle, co. Norfolk, widow (late the wife of Francis Cross of Acle).

To my sons George, Francis and Robert Cross and my daughter Elizabeth wife of the Rev. Thomas Dod of Acle, clerk; he and Mr. Francis Proctor of Norwich, executors, etc., etc. Dated 21 September 1747. Proved 7 October 1747.

Will of Arthur Womack of Mautby, co. Norfolk, gent.

To Roger Womack my son land in Acle, co. Norfolk. To Catherine my daughter wife of George Cross, to my wife Margaret, and to Theodosia Bayley her daughter, etc., etc. Dated 29 May 1734. Proved 6 June 1734.

Armorial slab in Mautby Church.

In memory of George Cross who departed this life February ye 11th, 1770. Aged 69 years.

Also Catherine the wife of George Cross and daughter of Arthur Womack, who departed this life December 23rd, 1780. Aged 71 years.

Arms: Cross, *quarterly, per fess indented, in the first quarter a lion passant guardant*; *impaling* Womack, *a lion rampant.*

Crest: *A lion's head erased.* Motto: *Foy Pour Devoir.*

Will of George Cross of Bradwell, co. Suffolk, gent.

To my son John Cross land in Spexhall, co. Suffolk. To my grandchildren William, John, George and Mary Cross, children of my son William Cross, when of age. To Catherine my wife, etc., etc. Dated 10 February 1770. Proved 25 February 1770.

Will of Catherine Cross late of Bradwell and now of Gorleston, co. Suffolk, widow.

To George Cross and John Cross my sons. To Mary Cross my granddaughter, daughter of William Cross my son when of age, etc., etc. Dated 16 October 1780. Proved 27 December 1780.

Will of John Cross of Bradwell, co. Suffolk, gent.

To my son John Cross my lands in Gorleston, Brampton and Wrothall, co. Suffolk, and £1,500. To Ann my wife an annuity. To my son Charles Cross and his sons Charles Pinson Cross and William Killett Cross. To my son William Cross land in Spexhall and Wrentham, co. Suffolk. To my son George Cross land in Bradwell. Dated 9 December 1812. Proved 27 April 1813.

Black marble armorial slabs in Bradwell Churchyard, co. Suffolk.

1. Sacred to the memory of John Cross, gentleman, of this parish, who departed this life 14 April 1813. Aged 66 years.

Arms: As for George Cross at Mautby.

2. Sacred to the memory of Judith the affectionate wife of John Cross, who departed this life much lamented 2 February 1789. Aged 38 years.

Arms: As before.

In the Church; tablet on north wall.

In a vault beneath lie the remains of Thomas Salmon late of Hobland-hall in this parish, died 25 February 1829, aged 52. Ann his wife died 21 October 1830. Aged 56.

Registers of Gorleston, co. Suffolk.

1754	Oct.	15	William Cross and Mary Beart, mar.
1757	Mar.	2	William son of ditto, bapt.
1774	Jan.	26	Ann, dau. of William Cross and Ann (late Davy, spinster), bapt.
1776	Apr.	24	Edward, son ditto, bapt.
1777	June	27	Catherine, dau. ditto.
1786	May	21	Maria, ditto.
1795	Apr.	7	Jane Mary, ditto.

Table monuments at Gorleston, co. Suffolk.

1. William Cross died 21 Jan. 1826, aged 94.
   Ann his wife died 7 July 1831, aged 79.
   Jane Mary their daughter died 11 Feb. 1868, aged 72.
2. Mary wife of William Cross died 19 May 1772, aged 43.
3. Edward Cross died 21 April 1811, aged 35.

Will of Edward Cross of Caister, near Great Yarmouth, co. Norfolk. Dated 19 Feb. 1811.

To Deborah my wife £1000. To my son William Edward Cross when of age the residue of my estates. My brothers-in-law John Diggons of Rockland St. Mary, near Surlingham in the co. of Norfolk, and Henry Sallows Davy of Beccles in the co. of Suffolk, surgeon, executors. Proved 27 April 1811. Personalty £2000.

Will of William Cross, the younger, of Gorleston, co. Suffolk, gent. Dated 4 June 1821.

To my wife Mary my house in Gorleston. My executor to be Charles Palmer of Great Yarmouth, co. Norfolk, gent. Proved 6 Feb. 1823. Personalty £6000. Tomb at Somerleyton, co. Suffolk.

Mary, wife of William Cross, Esq., junior, died 30 July 1788, aged 27.

Will of William Cross of Gorleston, co. Suffolk, gent. Dated 6 June 1820.

My house, etc., in Gorleston to my wife Ann. To my daughter Maria, wife of George Danby Palmer, £1500. To my daughter Jane Mary Cross £3000. To my daughter Catherine, wife of Henry Sallows Davy, £1500. Proved 20 Feb. 1826. Personalty £18,000.

Will of Ann Cross of Gorleston, co. Suffolk, widow. Dated 20 March 1826.

To my daughter Jane Mary Cross my house in Gorleston with plate, pictures, etc. To my grandson William Edward Cross and to my daughter Maria, wife of George Danby Palmer, and Salmon Palmer her son, etc. Proved 28 July 1831.

Will of Jane Mary Cross of Gorleston, co. Suffolk, spinster. Dated 10 Feb. 1868.

To my nephew William Edward Cross of Broome, co. Norfolk, house in Gorleston on condition that he keeps in repair the tombs of the Cross family at Gorleston. To my nephew Henry Davy. To my nephew

Salmon Palmer my portrait by Stannard. To the children of my late nephew George William Danby Palmer my books, jewels, etc., on condition that they have placed on the wall of the parish church of Gorleston a tablet bearing the names of my father and mother, similar to that to the memory of my late sister Ann, wife of the Rev. Thomas William Salmon, deceased, in Bradwell Church. To my niece Mrs. Dalrymple, etc. Proved 26 Feb. 1868. Personalty £20,000.

Will of William Edward Cross of Gorleston, co. Suffolk, gent. Dated 29 Jan. 1887.

To my son Frederick Cross lands in co. Norfolk. To my daughters Ellen, wife of George Stockings, Rosa, wife of Charles Arthur Campling, etc. Proved 25 June 1888 by George Stockings of London, gent., ex'or. Personalty £6654.

CHAPTER XII.

The GURNEY and MANNERS-SUTTON connection with the Ketts.

The connection between the Ketts and Gurneys is found by following up the children of Stephen Kett of Wymondham, butcher, and Ann, daughter of John Castleton of Wymondham, attorney. They had children, Edward of Mattishall, Esau of Caius College and Wicklewood, Jacob, bapt. 1624, and Henry, bapt. 1633. We afterwards find Henry at Easton, where he died in 1681. He married Sarah Baker of Great Melton in 1665.

Henry and Sarah had two children, Richard and Edward Kett. Richard was born 1672, and he lived in St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. He married first Rachel Tyrell of Hardwick. She was born 1681, and was married at Tivetshall in 1702, the year Queen Anne came to the throne. She died 14 June 1720, leaving nine children.

Richard Kett married again about 1728 Martha, daughter of Jacob Flierden of Amsterdam and Lynn, merchant. She was a Dutch lady, and not, as Miss Lilian Clark says in "Family Chronicles," the daughter of John Hope of Amsterdam. To prove this the will of her brother Hubert Flierden is enough.

P.C.C. 1755 [ ].

Hubert Flierden is of Lynn, merchant. To my son John Flierden. To my sister Martha Kett a share in the ship called the "Endeavour." To the people called Quakers. Date 22 Nov. 1753. Proved 2 May 1755 by relict.

Will of Richard Kett of the City of Norwich, Woolcomber.

To Henry Kett my eldest son my manors and farms in Roughton, co. Norfolk, and a share in the new Mills. To Thomas Kett my son lands in Dickleburgh and the house the testator lives in in St. Giles, Norwich. To Martha, wife, an annuity of £20. To Rachel Springall, daughter, wife of Nathaniel Springall of the city of Norwich, worsted weaver, lands, etc., in Tasburgh, and if he have no issue to testator's son Henry Kett. To Hannah Kett, daughter, lands in Long Stratton, and a messuage in St. Giles, Norwich (under 21). To grandson Nathaniel Springall, under 21, £100. To daughter Sarah Kett £1500 at 21. To daughter Elizabeth Kett £500 at 21. To daughter Martha Kett £1000 at 21. To wife Martha Kett chariot and coach-horses. To brother Edward Kett £20. Sons Henry and Thomas Kett and son-in-law Nathaniel Springall to be executors. Witnesses: Ro. Britife, Will. Peel, junr., Richard Bell. Dated 28 Feb. 1732. Proved 6 Oct. 1740 by affirmation of ex'ors, being Quakers.

Will of Edward Kett of the City of Norwich, Cordwainer. Norf. Archd. Register, 1745, fo. 221.

Kinsmen Henry Kett and Thomas Kett to be executors (nephews). Estates in Mulbarton and St. Stephen's, Norwich, to be sold and money divided between his children, namely, Edward Kett, Martha Syles,

Benjamin Kett, Mary Kett, John Kett. All lasts and "shewes" to son Benjamin. Witnesses: Miles Cook, John Parker, Timo. Money. Dated 17 Nov. 1743. Proved 13 Dec. 1745 by affirmation of the ex'ors, being Quakers.

Will of Henry Kett of the City of Norwich, Woolcomber. Episcopal Consist. Court, Norwich, Register 1773, fo. 66.

To son Thomas Kett all my lands and tenements in the city of Norwich and in the County of Norfolk, charged with an annuity of £250. To Anna Maria, loving wife, the above annuity payable half-yearly, power of entry if default is made. To said wife £1000 as well as all plate, furniture, etc. To son Thomas share in the Norwich Water Works and Mills called the New Mills. To sister Hannah Ellington £500. To cousins Benjamin Kett, John Kett, Mary Kett, Stephen Tyrell, Thomas Tyrell and Abigail Nobbs £30 each. To the poor of the Quaker's Society in Norwich £10. To the poor of St. Margaret's parish £20. Residue to said son Thomas. Thomas and wife are executors. Witnesses: Robert Stebbings, Henry Dale, Elisha de Hague. Dated 22 March 1769. Proved 17 May 1773 by solemn affirmation by ex'or and ex'trix.

Will of Thomas Kett of the City of Norwich, merchant. Episcopal Consist. Court of Norwich, Register 1774, fo. 213.

To Jane my wife £2000 and household furniture. Executor to raise of personal estate £5000 and invest it for the use of my wife for life, with remainder to son Henry Kett, in case wife (who has power under marriage articles to give estate at Dickleburgh to her children) shall give same to daughter Jenny Maria Kett, but in case son Henry has the said estate, then £1500 of said £5000 to go to daughter Jenny Maria and the remainder only to son Henry. To daughter Jenny Maria Kett £5000 at 21. Various lands, tenements in St. Faith's, Norwich, to son Henry for ever, on condition he pay testator's cousin Stephen Tyrell or his wife £10 per annum, with power to Stephen to enter in default. If the St. Faith's estates are sold during the testator's life, then the ex'ors are to raise a sum sufficient to pay the above £10 per annum. To cousin Benjamin Kett £300. To cousin John Nobbs £10. To cousin John Ellington £100. To cousin Thomas Tyrell £10. To widow of cousin John Tyrell £10. To the poor of St. Martin's at Oak, Norwich, £10. To the poor of St. Giles' £10. To John son of cousin John Kett, butcher, £100 at 21; if he die to his father. To son of my late cousin Martha Lynes £10 at 21. Appoints Jane, wife, brother Henry Kett and brother-in-law John Gurney ex'ors; £100 each. Residue of estate to son Henry Kett, and if he die under age then half to daughter Jenny Maria and half to wife Jane, and if both daughter and son die then to be divided into 5 parts and distributed as follows: $\frac{1}{4}$ to brother Henry Kett, $\frac{1}{5}$ to sister Elizabeth Gurney, $\frac{1}{5}$ to sister Sarah Aggs, $\frac{1}{5}$ to sister Hannah Ellington, $\frac{1}{5}$ between Nathaniel Springall and Rachel Wright, children of testator's late sister Rachel Springall. Wife Jane to be guardian of children. Witnesses: Elisha de Hague, John Bones, Thos. Cooke, Junr. Dated 16 May 1768.

Codicil revoking bequest of £5000 to daughter Jenny Maria (now wife of Rev. Mr. John Day) as testator settled that on her marriage. Also goods, lands (recently bought) at Weston, Suffolk, to son Henry

Kett. Revokes appointment of brother Henry Kett and late brother-in-law John Gurney as ex'ors, and instead appoints nephews Thomas Kett, Nathaniel Springall, and wife Jane Kett as executors, and gives them £100 each. Witnesses: Jno. Cleever, Anne Dawson, Daniel Ganning. Dated 5 June 1771.

Codicil revoking bequest of £300 to cousin Benjamin Kett, as testator has already given him considerable sums and gives him £10 in lieu thereof. Witnesses: John Wilkins, Robt. Edwards. Dated 27 Oct. 1774. Will with two codicils proved 1 Dec. 1774 by ex'ors Thos. Kett and Nathaniel Springall, power being reserved to Jane, executrix and relict.

Will of Anna Maria Kett of the City of Norwich, widow. Epis. Consist. Court of Norwich, Register 1790, fo. 106.

Appoints son Thomas sole executor and gives him all her plate and furniture, etc. To nephew Ellington £100. To Jane Goddard of Norwich £10. To the poor of Norwich Quakers' Society £10. To the poor of St. Margaret's, Norwich, £10. To Elizabeth Brown of Norwich £5. Residue of personal estate to be converted into money and invested for the use of son Thomas for his life, with remainder to his children, and if no children to his own use. Witnesses: Daniel Gonning, Robt. Stebbings, servant to Mr. Thomas Kett in the business of a woolcomber. Dated 8 Feb. 1781. Proved 26 March 1790 by Thomas Kett, son and ex'or.

P.C.C., 1771, 410, Trevor.

I, Martha Kett of King's Lynn, County Norfolk, widow, etc. To grandson Edmund Gurney and his heirs all real estate. If he die before 21 to my son-in-law Edmond Gurney. To sister Susanna Flierden £200. To daughters Elizabeth Gurney, Sarah Aggs and Ann Harris £20 each. To daughter Hannah Ellington £50. To friend John Bennett, King's Lynn, merchant, £100. To cousin Andrew Heaton, King's Lynn, £80. To executors £20 for poor called Quakers, belonging to the meeting at King's Lynn. To son-in-law Edmund Gurney and friend and relation John Gurney, Norwich, son of Joseph Gurney, ex'ors, 20 guineas. Residue to grandson Edmund Gurney, the money to be put in public funds. 11 March 1760. Witnesses: Willm. Langdon, Thos. Hendry, Clement Debenham.

Codicil. To grandson Edmund Gurney all messuages and hereditaments; if he die before me, to his father Edmund Gurney. 7 March 1762. Witnesses: Henry Partridge, Willm. Langley, Peter Sorcosin (Sarcosin), Francis Bagg.

Codicil. As it hath pleased Almighty God to take from me my grandson Edmund Gurney, etc. To Ruth Eaton £200. To Stephen Walker £10. To Mary Walker, my maid servant, £10. To poor of each parish of King's Lynn £50. To Hospital of St. James £300. To ex'ors John and Edmund Gurney for building Meeting House for people called Quakers £300. To ex'ors £1000 in trust to put out at interest to be used at discretion of Quarterly Meeting for necessitous widows. To son Edmund Gurney £500 for equity suit of Nicholas Brooke of .... for preservation of right to copyhold late my brother Hubert Flierden's. To daughter Hannah Ellington £200 what I have given her. To Nathaniel

Springall of Norwich £20. To Rachel Wright of Norwich £20. To children of Jacobi van der Hoeden of Rotterdam £100 each. Residue to ex'ors. If any relation in blood should appear within a year after my decease same to be paid them. 1 Sept. 1764. If not to charitable uses. Witnesses: Daniel Catlin, Margery Catlin, John Roper.

Lynn. 1770, Aug. 30. Son Edmund Gurney. As I am so advanced in life, that altering my will is too great an undertaking, therefore this my mind now exprest I desire my be esteemed and act as a codecil to it. Whereas I have given a legacy to the Society of people called Quakers in the County of Norfolk, I have a mind it be not paid as I directed, but be equally divided amongst the children of my daughter Sarah Aggs, widow. Martha Kett.

Appeared personally, witness Edm. Gurney, William Kendall of Norwich, woolcomber. Affirmed, being a Quaker, this signature as that of Martha Kett, deceased. Proved with codicils 7 Oct. 1771 on affirmation of Edmund Gurney, the surviving ex'or.

The Rev. HENRY KETT, B.D.

Annual Register, 1804, Vol. 46, p. 380.

April 12. The anniversary of the Literary Fund, an institution which does equal honour to the heart and understanding of Englishmen, was the day kept at the Crown and Anchor tavern, Strand. Lord Pelham in the chair .... After the usual toasts .... the recitations as usual formed a principal part of the literary amusement of the evening. They were by Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Pye and Mr. Kett .... the lines of Mr. Kett's poem which made the strongest impression were those which called to the recollection of the meeting the various virtues of Lord Moyra, more particularly his unbounded benevolence towards French Emigrants.

Gentleman's Magazine, 1825, Vol. 95, p. 184.

The Rev. Henry Kett, B.D. Suddenly, at Stanwell, the seat of Sir John Gibbons, Bart., the Rev. Henry Kett, late Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford, and of Charlton, Co. Gloucester. The Reverend gentleman had preached at Stanwell on the preceding Sunday, and on the morning when the fatal accident occurred had, as usual, breakfasted with the family party in excellent spirits. About noon, the weather being hot, he proceeded to take a cold bath, when it was supposed that venturing out of his depth he was seized with cramp and sank to rise no more. His clothes were found on the bank, where he had undressed for bathing. He was born at Norwich 1761, and received his education at the Grammar School in that City under the Rev. Mr. Lemon. In 1777, at the age of 16, he was admitted a Commoner of Trinity College, Oxford, and was chosen scholar the following year. Mr. Kett took the degree of A.M. 26 Nov. 1783, soon after he was elected Fellow, and appointed one of the College tutors. Among some of his first pupils he numbered the present Duke of Beaufort and his next brother Lord Charles Somerset, and in the discharge of the important duties of his office for a very long space of years united the character of friend with that of tutor. He early commenced his theological studies, nor did he give them up on taking orders. He was appointed Bampton Lecturer in 1790, and the University had no reason to be sorry for its choice. The Lectures were published

the following year, dedicated to the Bishop of St. Asaph, and a second edition, "with corrections and additions," appeared in 1792. It was not only in defence of the doctrines of Christianity that Mr. Kett distinguished himself, he was equally solicitous to shew that the precepts influenced his practise. About the period of his being Bampton Lecturer he exerted himself, in conjunction with other friends, in rescuing Dr. John Uri, a native of Hungary, one of the best Oriental scholars in Europe, from indigence and distress. This gentleman had been sent for from the University of Leyden to Oxford, and had been employed during the vigour of his faculties in taking a catalogue of the Oriental MSS. in the Bodleian Library; but growing infirm and old without relations in his own country, he was discharged by the delegates of the press. By the benevolent interference, however, of Mr. Kett, of Agutter, now Secretary of the Asylum, Mr. Smith of Pembroke College, and Dr. Parr, a handsome subscription was raised for his support, and the venerable scholar was placed in a situation of comfort in Oxford, where he passed the remaining part of his life.

In 1787 Mr. Kett engaged with Mr. Munro, formerly of Magdalen College, and Dr. Horne, afterwards Bishop of Norwich, in a periodical publication under the title of Olla Podrida, to which several other distinguished scholars contributed. These essays were republished in a collected form, and are replete with humour, good sense and acute observation. In 1793 he published a small collection of "Juvenile Poems," stating most of the verses in the collection have appeared in the "Gentleman's Magazine." However meritorious these trifles of his muse appear, the author was afterwards very desirous to suppress them, and so sedulous to effect that intention as to increase the value of this little volume above the usual proportion of modern publications. When the poem first appeared the playful muse of Mr. Thomas Warton supplied the following epigram:—

> "Our Kett not a poet! Why, how can you say so?
> For if he's no Ovid, I'm sure he's a naso."

See his portrait by Dighton. On the 13th of July he took the degree of B.D., and in October he was a candidate for the Poetry Professorship against the Rev. James Hurdis, Fellow of Magdalen, but lost his election by a majority of 20, polling 181 against 201. Alarmed at the rapid progress of infidelity, and wishing to awaken in the minds of the public a due sense of the importance of religious truth by the most stringent arguments derived from the divine predictions, in the year 1798 Mr. Kett published "History the Interpreter of Prophecy, or a view of Scriptural Prophecies: and their accomplishment in the past and present occurrences of the World." Dr. Tomline, the present Bishop of Winchester, in his "Elements of Christian Theology," calls it "a very interesting work, penned with great judgment, and which he recommends to all who are desirous of becoming acquainted with the prophecies of the Old and New Testament, especially those which relate to the present times." But the approbation of Dr. Porteus, Bishop of London, is much more distinctly expressed, and his recommendation is more warmly urged in his eloquent charge to the clergy in 1799. "The Journal of a tour to the Lakes of Cumberland and Westmoreland, performed by Henry Kett, B.D., in August 1798," was published by Dr. Mavor in his "British Tourist." .... This is one of the several tours which Mr. Kett was

accustomed to make during the Long Vacation. As the beginning of the Revolution he visited France, intent on observing the changes then in progress. In 1802 appeared "Elements of General Knowledge, introduction to useful books in the principal branches of literature and science, with lists of the most approved authors, including the best editions of the classics, designed chiefly for the junior students in the Universities and the higher classes in schools." This work, which is the result of Mr. Kett's studies for many years, contains much valuable information compressed within a moderate compass, and is by far the most useful book of the kind. On its appearance he was assailed by a host of critics great and small, and it was remarked that few men kept their temper as well as he did, or acted so judiciously, adopting all their corrections and suggestions where worthy to improve the later editions . . . . Mr. Kett's first preferment was the small perpetual curacy of Elsfield, near Oxford, for which he is said to have been indebted to the kindness of Dr. Chapman, the President of his College. He was also a King's Preacher at Whitehall. In 1814 his friend and patron Bishop Tomline presented him to the perpetual curacy of Hykeham, Co. Lincoln. He also published "Logic made Easy, or a short view of Aristotle's method of Reasoning," 1809; "Emily, a moral tale," 3 vols., 1809 and 1812; "A sketch of the life of Henry Headley, Scholar of Trinity College, Oxford," prefixed to his "Beauties of English Poetry," 2 vols., 1810; "The Beauties of Christianity," by F. A. Chateaubriand, with a Preface and notes, 3 vols., 1812; "The Flowers of Wit, or a collection of Bon Mots, Ancient and Modern," 2 vols., 1814. In his manner Mr. Kett was affable and easy. Conscious of talents and integrity, he affected not the disguise of gravity to impose on the vulgar, nor delivered his sentiments with formal precision and oracular solemnity. In mixed society he was equally qualified to shine as in the company of professed scholars. On his marriage he had recently retired from the University.

This old-fashioned critique of a scholar of the eighteenth century is so entirely fitting to him that it is better left uncommented upon. He is son of Benjamin Kett, a tanner, at Heigham, Norfolk, and Benjamin was the son of Edward Kett, cordwainer, Norwich.

To return to the elder line, Elizabeth, sister of Henry Kett who married Anna Maria Phillips, married John Gurney of Earlham. This was a very honourable alliance, and led to many interesting connections with the Gurney family. The Gurneys were the principal Quaker family of Norwich. The charming book, "The Gurneys of Earlham," gives a memorable description of a family of lovable and really Christian people, very much after the style of that other famous family the Ferrers of Little Gidding, made eternal by Shorthouse in "John Inglesant." Elizabeth Gurney, the most famous and honoured of the Earlham sisters, became afterward Elizabeth Fry, named after her mother Elizabeth Kett.

From Friends' Registers, 136 Bishopsgate, E.C. Lilian Clark, "Family Chronicles," shewing four intermarriages of the Ketts and Gurneys.

Henry Kett (Son of Stephen Kett, butcher, and Ann Castleton his wife), bapt. 1633 (Wymondham Register). = Sarah (Baker), (mar. 1665).

Rachel Tyrrell of Hardwick Titeshall, mar. at Tivetshall 1702; died 14 June 1720, aged 39. 1st wife. = Richard Kett. Of St. Peter's Mancroft, Norwich, Grocer, mar. 20 Aug. 1702; died 14 Aug. 1740 in his 68th year. = Martha, dau. of John Hopes of Amsterdam. Will, 1771, of Lynn. 2nd wife.

Martha, born 27 July 1729 = Edmund Gurney of Norwich.

Anne, mar. 1771. = ... Harries.

Mary, born 18 Nov. 1713 at St. Giles; died 8 Sept. 1714.

Sarah, born 23 Jan. 1714-15.

Elizabeth, born 5 Dec. 1718 at St. Giles. = John Gurney of Earlham, from whom come the Gurneys of Earlham.

Hannah, mar. John Ellington of Norwich.

Thomas. Born 17 Feb. 1709 at St. Peter's, Hungate.

Richard. Born 6 May 1710 at St. Peter's, Hungate; died 9 May 1710.

Gilbert. Born 13 Mar., died 2 July 1711.

Edmund. St. Giles, Norwich; died 7 Nov. 1711.

Twins.

Benjamin. Born 14 Mar. at St. Giles, died 5 July 1712.

Elizabeth, born 5 June 1703; died 25 Feb. 1704.

Josiah. Died 20 May 1704, aged 1 year.

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Richard. Born 26 May, died 6 June (?) 1705.

Rachel, born 20 Nov. 1706 at St. Peter's, Hungate, Norwich; mar. 17 Feb. 1726 Nathaniel Springall.

Henry. Born 2 Feb. 1708 at St. Peter's, Hungate; died 20 Dec. 1772 in his 65th year. = Anna Maria, dau. of Geo. Phillips of Stoke Ferry; related to the Penns.

Richard. Died 16 Nov. 1738 in 2nd year.

Richard. Died 23 Nov. 1735 in 1st year.

Anna Maria, died 11 Dec. 1736 in 1st year.

Richard. Born 7 June 1739; died 10 Jan. 1739-40 in 1st year.

Elizabeth, born 6 Feb. 1743; died 10 June 1752 in 10th year.

Henry. Born 17 Sept. 1744; died 31 Aug. 1753 in 9th year.

Lucy Gurney, dau. of John Gurney and Ann Kendall his 2nd wife; mar. 29 July 1776; died 4 Dec. 1776, aged about 19; born at St. Gregory's, Norwich; bur. of St. Margaret's. = Thomas. Woolcomber and banker, born 17 Sept. 1746. = Hannah Gurney, dau. of Samuel Gurney and Sarah Lawrence his wife; mar. 2 May 1780

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Anna Maria, born 5 Feb. 1781.	=Charles Barclay.	Juliana, born 6 March 1782; mar. Charles Thompson of Witchingham.	George Samuel. Born 21 July 1783.	=Miss Milford.	Infant dau., born and died 1785.	Infant, born 1788, still-born.	Infant, born and died 1796.

Arthur Kett Barclay=Octavia Wright. Robert Barclay=Laura Wyvill.

APPENDIX A.

Excerpts from Robert Kett's Petition to the King.

"We pray that all bondemen may be made ffre god made all ffre in his precious blode sheddyng.

"We pray that Ryvers may be ffre and comon to all men for fysshyng and passage.

"We pray that no man shalbe put by your Eschetor ffeodare to ffynde eny office unles he be holden of your Grace in cheyff or capite above £10 by yere.

"We pray that the pore mariners or ffysshermen may have the whole profights of their ffysshyngs as purpores grampes whalles or eny grett ffysshe so it be not prejudiciale to your grace.

"We pray that eny proprietories person or vicar havyng a benefice of x li. or more by yere shall either by themselves or by some other person teche pore mens chyldren of their parysshe the boke called the cathakysme and the prymer.

"We pray that it be not lawfull to the lord of eny mannor to purchase londs frely and to lett them out Ageyn by copie of court roll to their grete advantagement and to the undoyng of your pore subjects.

"We pray that noman under the degre of a Knyght or esquyer keep a dowe house (dove cot) except it hath byn of an ould anchyent costame.

"We pray that all freholders and copieholders may take the profights of all comons and then to comon and the lord not to comon nor take profights of the same.

"We pray that no ffeodorye within your sheres shalbe a counceller to eny man in his office makyng, whereby the Kyng may be trulye served so that a man being of good consyence may be yerely chosyn to the same office by the comons of the same shere.

"We pray your grace to take all libertie of lete into yore owne handes wherby all men may gayelly enjoye the comons with all profight.

"We pray that copiehould lands that is onresonable rented may go as it dyd in the first yere of Kyng henry the VII. and that the deth of a tenaunte or of a sale the same land to be charged with an esey ffyne as a capon or a resonable ( ) some of money ffor remembraunce.

"We pray that no prest ( ) nor no other officer to eny man of honor or worshyppe but only to be resydent uppon their benefices wherby their parysheners may be enstructed with the lawes of god.

"We pray that no man under degre shall kepe eny conyes upon eny of their owne ffrehold or copiehold onles pale them in so that it shall not be to their comons undoyne.

"We pray that no person of what estate degre or condicon he be shall from hensforth sell the adwardshyp of eny chyld but that the same chyld if he lyve to hys full age shalbe at his owne chosyng concernyng hiss mariage the Kyngs wards only except.

"We pray that all Marshysshe that ar holden of the Kyngs majestie by ffre rent or of eny other may be ageyn at the price that they wer in the ffirst yere of Kyng Henry the VIIth.

(We can scarcely expect the Commons of Norfolk to know this was an economic error.)

"We pray that all Bushells weight in your realme be of one stice, that is to sey, to be in mesure viii gallons.

"We pray that (prests) or vicars that be (not able) to preche and sett forth the woorde of god to hys parisheners may be thereby putt from hys benyfice, and the parisheners then to chose an other or else the pateron or lord of the towne.

"We pray that those your officers yt hath offended your grace and your comons and so proved by the complaynt of your pore comons do gyve unto those poremen so assembled 4d. eny day so long as they have remained true.

"We pray that no lords, Knyght esquyer nor gentleman do not feed eny bullocks or shepe if he may spend fforty poundes a yere by his lands but only for the provision of his house.

By me Robt. Kett.
By Thomas Aldryche. By me Thomas Codd."

I think there is no doubt but that this is iu Robert Kett's own handwriting.

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KETT OF WYMONDHAM, CO. NORFOLK, 1

THOMAS KNYGE
Born about 1460; died 153

- William Knight *alias* Kett. Died 1549.
- John Knight *alias* Kett, senior.
- John Knight *alias* Kett, junior. Died 1530.
- Born about 1492; admitted to land in Suton in W and in Cromwell's Manor 1539. Had a gran Wymondham from Sir John Dudley, Viscount I as rebel and hanged at Norwich Castle 7 Dec. 15

- William Knight *alias* Kett. = Ann, dau. of John Beckham of Narford by Margery, dau. of Rob. Boston of Burnham Westgate.
  Born about 1515, son and heir apparent 1546. Had a re-grant of his father's forfeited land in Wymondham 1551. He was called senior 1570—1581. Living 1583.
- James
  Born *circa* 1517; ac Wymondham Abbey 1553 seized of land i

- Richard Knight *alias* Kett. Born about 1560; under 23, 1581, when his father settled land on him in Wymondham Queens Manor, with remainder over to George Knight *alias* Kett.
- Elizabeth. Dau. of Richard Remching; mar., 1567, Richard Lincoln of Swanton Morley, ancestor of Abraham Lincoln, President U.S.A.
- Mary. = John Knight *ali*
  Dau. of Richard Remching; bapt. at Carbrooke 1550.
  Born 1539; adm Wymondham 15 Will dated 18 Wymondham, th at Wymondham

- Sarah, mar. William Edwards of Beccles.
- Elizabeth, mar. . . . . Reynolds.
- Judith, mar. . . . . Johnson.
- Lydia, mar. Robert James.
- Susan. — Priscilla.
- Mary, died 1615.
- Born *circa* at Wymond

- Susan, mar. at Wymondham, 1628, John Reve.
- Robert Kett. = ...
  Bapt. at Wymondham 7 May 1615; went to Barbadoes 1635.
- Thomas Kett. = . . .
  Of Southwark, merchant, 1677; born *circa* 1610.

- Richard Kett. Of Barbadoes 1671. Will dated 1680, of London, draper.
- Thomas Kett. = Elizabeth, dau. of John Thompson of Great Hadley, co. Herts, gent.
  Of St. Mary Axe, London, merchant, 1677. Will dated 1700. Will dated 1723.
- Elizabeth.
- John Kett
  Of Southwark silk dyer, 1667

- Nathaniel Newnham = Honoria.
  of London, esq., mar. 1696.
  Eldest dau. and coheir, born 1675.
- Philadelphia. Dau. and coheir, died 1755, unmar.
- Elizabeth. Mar., 1696, William Watson of London.
- William
  Of Nevis, 1702; esqu 1732.

EE I.

ON AND NEVIS, WEST INDIES, 1495—1760.

s KETT.=Margery.
e p. 31.)

Robert Knyght *alias* Kett.=Alice, admitted to land in Wymondham Abbey Manor, 1519-20, with her husband, living; his widow 1550.
tham Abbey Manor 1527, e Manor of Guuville in 3 March 1546. Attainted

Thomas Knight *alias* Kett. Died 1553. (See PEDIGREE IV.)

alias Kett.=Agnes, living 1561.
to land in 1546; died gate.

Loy Knight *alias* Kett. (See PEDIGREE III.)

George Knight *alias* Kett. (See PEDIGREE III.)

Richard Knight *alias* Kett. Born 1533. (See PEDIGREE III.)

Arms, granted 1718, *to Elizabeth, widow of Thos. Kett of London, gent.*

lands in and heir. 619, "of r"; bur. 1619.

William Knyght *alias* Kett.=Dorothy, his wife, 1614; bur. at Wymondham 4 Sept. 1615.
Born *circa* 1542. Will dated 7 June 1614, "of Wymondham, dwelling in Damgate"; proved 29 July 1614.

Robert Kett.=Margaret, his wife, 1583.
Born *circa* 1545. Will dated 20 Jan. 1583, of Wymondham, "butcher"; proved 29 Jan.

Nathaniel Kett.=. . . .
executor 1614; bur. May 1632.

John Kett.=. . . .
Bur. at Wymondham 3 May 1633.

Jeremy.
Bur. in Wymondham 1639-40.

Alice. — Phœbe.

Elizabeth. — Sarah.

Alice, bapt. at Wymondham 1619.

Margaret, bapt. at Wymondham 1623.

Bapt. at Wymondham 1617.

John Kett.=Ann Alexander, mar. at Wymondham 1639; bur. at St. James', Dublin, 1691.
Will dated 12 June 1665, of Dublin, merchant.

William Kett.=. . . .
Member of Assembly in Nevis, West Indies, 1682.

Ann, bapt. at Wymondham 1641.

Phœbe. — Sarah.

John Kett. Living 1665.

Daniel Kett.=. . . .
Died 1724, then of London.

=. . . .

John Kett. Of Nevis, mar. Catherine. (See PEDIGREE II.)

Nathaniel Kett. Of Nevis 1736.

Elizabeth. Dau. and heir 1724, then living beyond seas. Thomas Newnham her attorney.

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KETT OF NEVIS, WEST INDIES, N

Arms and Crest, granted 17 July 1756, to William Kett of Kelsale, co. Suffolk, gent.

JOH
Of Nevis, g

John Kitt. = Frances.
Of Nevis.

Jeremiah Kitt.
Of Nevis 1736.

Joseph Kitt.
Bur. at Nevis 1722.

Of Nev

John Kitt.
Bapt. at Nevis 1721.

Joseph Kitt.
Bapt. and bur. at Nevis 1734.

Elizabeth.
Bur. 1718.

Frances.
Bur. 1733.

Mir
Dau of William Kell, esq
Maryland Point, Essex;
1756; died 1759, aged 31

Rev. William Kett. = Charlotte, dau. and coheir of John Garneys of Yoxford, co. Suffolk, esq.; mar. 1779.

Born 1757; A.M. Caius Coll., Cambridge; Rector of Shottisham, co. Suffolk; Lord of the Manor; bur. at Shottisham 1832.

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William Kett.
—
John Kett.
Died 1794.

Thomas Kett. = Fanny, dau. of Joseph Bowring of Southwich, co. Hants, esq.; mar. 1812; died 1863.
Of Bealings, co. Suffolk, Capt. East Suffolk Militia; died 1820.

Charles Garneys = Kett.
Born 1794, Lieut. Royal Artillery; died 1841.

Marion. = 2. Rev. Will
Dau. of William Stodart of London; mar. 1830; died 1882.

King's Colle
chaplain of K
of St. Kathar
Park; died 1

Fanny Alner Bowring, born 1813; died infancy.

Fanny Alner Bowring Kett, born 1816; died s.p.

Elizabeth Bryant, born 1816; died 1827.

Rev. Charles William = Louisa, dau. of Rev. J. Harward; mar. 1860; died 1899.
Kett.
Born 1831; M.A., Oxon, of King's College School, London; died 1888.

Marion Char-lotte, born 1833. = S
of
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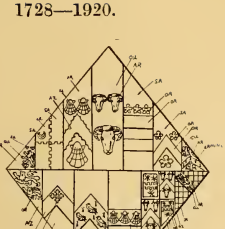
di

Louisa Marion Kett.
Of The Vine, Castle Hedingham, co. Essex, 1920.

EE II.

KELSALE, CO. SUFFOLK, 1728—1920.



T.=Catherine.
05.

William Kett.=Elizabeth, dau. of Joseph Kell of Woodbridge, co. Suffolk, gent.;
gent.; dead 1741. | died 1781, aged 94. M.I. Woodbridge.

William Kett.
Born 1728, of Kelsale, gent.; died 1820. M.I. Woodbridge. (Arms granted
o William Kett of Kelsale, co. Suffolk, esq., in 1756: *Or, a lion rampant*
uardant gules between three leopards' faces sable.)

=Elizabeth.
Dau. of Rev. Martin Baylie of Wrentham and Kelsale; mar. 1768; died 1826. 2nd wife.

- zabeth. Kelsale
- Martin Joseph Kett. Bapt. 1780.
- Elizabeth.=John Darby of Diss, Surgeon. Born 2 June 1769; mar. 1790.
- Mary. Born 1771; died 1848; bur. at Shottisham.

- yes of 1843; ospital egent's
- William Kell Kett.=Phœbe, dau. of Richard Frisby of Winnington in Essex, esq.; mar. 1828; died 1858. Of Hollesley, co. Suffolk, Surgeon, born 1797; died 1873, s.p.
- Edward Rogers Kett. Born 1800, of Collingwood, Melbourne, Australia.=Sarah, dau. of .... Plowman of Oxford; mar. 1834; died 1854.
- Miriam, died 1865, s.p.
- Charlotte, died s.p.

- Croker Tracey, on, esq., 9.
- Edward. Born 1837; died 1855.
- Thomas Plowman. Born 1840.
- William Kell. Born 1844; died 1849.
- John Garneys. Born 1846; died 1847.
- William Heber. Born 1842; died 1854.
- Sarah Charlotte, born 1836; mar. Chas. Rippon.
- Mary Ann, born 1839.
- Miriam, born 1842; died 1865.
- Charlotte, born 1848.
- Elizabeth Garneys, born 1851; died 1855.

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KETT OF DISS AND SHOTT

Arms in Diss Church o

. . . .=1st wife.

Loy Knight *alias* Kett. Born 1535 (Chanc. Depos., Chas. I., C. 45/6); of Wymondham, yeoman, 1584. Will dated 10 Jan. 1614, of Crownthorpe, yeoman; proved 22 March.

=Elizabeth Wetherly of Framingham, widow, mar. 1584. 2nd wife.

Richard Knight *alias* Kett.=Mar[illegible] Born 1534; died 1601, aged 67. Will dated 18 May 1601, Beeston-next-Mileham, yeoman. M.I. Beeston.

of Jo[illegible] born [illegible] died [illegible] 1616

Henry Kett.=Amy, his wife, 1611. Born about 1560; called "senior" 1608. Will dated 6 June 1611, of Wymondham, yeoman; proved 24 July.

Margaret. Wife of Christopher Breese 1614.

George Knight *alias* Kett.=Elizabeth, his wife, 1612— Born about 1586, son and heir; sold land in Wymondham 1617. 1617.

Richard Kett.=Ann, his wife, 1635, Will dated 1680, of Norwich, widow. Born 1593; of St. Andrew's, Norwich, merchant, 1633; living at St. George Tombland 1651.

Thomas Kett.=Mary. Born 1594; of Diss 1618; bur. there 30 May 1659.

Elizabeth, mar. Robert Camell of Diss.

Margaret. Will dated 10 Feb. 1689, of St. Mary, Norwich, spinster.

— Hannah.

Elizabeth. Born 1624.

— Thomas. Born 1627; bur. 1629.

Mary.=1st wife.

John Kett. Born 1621; died 15 July 1692, gent. M.I. Diss Church.

=Susannah, bur. at Diss 30 March 1677. 2nd wife.

=Phillipa Pitcher, born 1650; mar. 1677; had land in Pulham; died 1734, aged 84. M.I. Diss. 3rd wife.

Jeremiah. Bapt. at Diss 1635; died 1635.

— Thomas. Bapt. 1629.

John Kett. Bapt. 1646; bur. at Diss 22 Nov. 1679, unmar.

Thomas Kett.=Mary, his wife, 1690. Bapt. 1660; had land in Woolsey Bridge and Walcot in Diss in marriage settlement; living 1690.

Susanna, bapt. 1665; bur. at Diss 1677.

Charles Kett.=Elizabeth, dau. of John Beaumont; mar. at Caister 1692. Bapt. 1671; died 1 June 1696, of Colney, gent. M.I. Diss Church.

=William Mingay of Shottisham, co. Norfolk, esq. 2nd husband.

John Kett, living 1690.

Charles, bapt. 1694; bur. at Diss 10 July 1696.

Wade Kett.=Sarah. Of Palgrave, gent., 1758 of South Lopham.

Dau. of Gamaliel Fair; living 1761.

Mary. Will dated 1758, of Thompson, co. Norfolk, spinster.

Thomas Kett.=Susannah. Died at North Lopham. Will dated 17 May 1743, of Oakley, co. Suffolk, gent.; proved 1780.

Dau. of Th[illegible] of Buxhall born 1712;

John Kett. Under age 1758.

Sarah=John Ives of Yarmouth, esq., the Antiquary, died 1776, aged 25. 1st husband.

=Benjamin, mar. 1790

EE III.

AM, CO. NORFOLK, 1520—1790.

ument of John Kett, 1692.

dau.=John Forby=Martin Linley,
etts; of Weasen-
; ham. 2nd
Jan. husband.
90.

mar. 1603.
Will dated
1652, of Bees-
ton, gent. 3rd
husband.

George Knyght *alias* Kett.=Francis,=Robert Greene=Robert
Born about 1532. Had grant of land in Howe 1580. Will dated 5 Feb. 1592; proved 2 June, of Shottisham, yeoman.

living
1634.

of Forncett,
yeoman. Will
dated 1612.
2nd husband.

London,
senior.
3rd hus-
band.

Robert Kett.=Margaret, of Bungay,=Augustine Seaman,
about 1575, son and heir; widow, 1619. gent., mar. 1619.
age 1592; lands in Howe. 2nd husband.

Richard Kett.
2nd son, to have land in Kimberley under father's will.

Henry Kett.=Mary, dau. of
n 1596. Will Edward Colman
ed 28 March of Wymondham;
1, of Diss, mar. there 1
cer. Sept. 1623; bur.
at Diss 3 May
1657.

Robert Kett.
Son and heir,
died 10 May
1621, unmar.

George Kett.=Elizabeth, dau. of=Thomas
Born 1618; brother William Pudding Fletcher of
and heir, of Howe, *alias* Boden of Shottis-
gent., 1646; dead Stratton St. ham, gent.,
1658. Michael gent.; died 1679.
living 1673. 2nd hus-
band.

Mary.
rn 1638.
—
lizabeth.
rn 1628.

Henry.
Bapt.
1626;
living
1651.

John Kett.=Margaret
Born 1624, Lanham, mar.
son and at Wortham
heir; bur. 1651; bur. at
at Diss 15 Diss 15 Oct.
Feb. 1708. 1677.

Richard
Kett.
Bapt.
1632;
living
1651.

Robert Kett.
Born 1647, son and
heir; of Shottis-
ham, gent., 1669;
died 1673, then of
Stratton.

George
Kett,
2nd son,
living
1658.

Elizabeth.
Mar. 1689
Roger
Branch of
Shottis-
ham.

1682; had land
essingham from
r; died 1739.
dated 30 March
of Oakley in
lk, gent.; proved
ov. 1739. M.I.
ey.

John Kett.=Elizabeth Wade=Ann Bridge-
of New Bucken- man, mar.
ham, mar. 1705 1728; o.s.p.
at Carlton Rode; Will proved
died 1717, aged 1740.
34. M.I. Oak- 2nd wife.
ley.

Philippa,
bapt.
1684.

John Kett.=Mary.
Bapt. 20 Nov. Died 21 Aug.
1654; died 1728, 1729, "late
aged 76, late of of Palgrave,
Diss, gent. Will widow."
dated 1728, of
Diss, turner.
M.I. Kenning
Hall.

Henry.
Bapt.
1661.

Sarah.
Mar. . . . .
Fisher.

Elizabeth.
Mar. Sam. Jacomb
of London, drug-
gist.

Phillipa.
Mar. Nath. Hargrave
of Great Wakering,
schoolmaster.

Abigail.
Wife of Robert
Tooke 1758.

John.
Died 1711,
aged 5

ill, D.D.,
Suffolk;
1798.

s, Bishop of Peterborough,
2d husband.

Sarah.
Dau. and coheir.

Susan.
Dau. and coheir.

PEDIG

KETT OF WICKLEWOOD

THOMAS KNIG
Born about 1460; died 15

- William Knight *alias* Kett. Died 1549.
- John Knight *alias* Kett, senior.
- John Knight *alias* Kett, junior. Died 1530.
- Robert Knight *alias* Kett. Died 1549. (See PEDIGREE I.)
  - Born about 1500; admitted to la father. Paid tax in Marketst 28 July 1553, of "Wymondham,

- Elizabeth, bur. at Wymondham 8 May 1623. 2nd wife. = Valentine Knight *alias* Kett. Born about 1530, son and heir. Will dated 10 March 1604, of Wymondham, yeoman; proved 4 May 1605.
  - Antony. Bur. at Kettering-ham 1561.
  - Philip. Living 1573.
  - Robert. Living 1573. — Frances. Living 1604.
  - Thomas. Born about 1564; dead in 1590.
  - Antony. Born about 1566; dead in 1601, intestate.
  - Richard Kni Born about 1572, brother and h bur. at Wicklewood 21 Ma Admitted to land in Cromwe Wymondham on death of his m
  - Ann. Bur. at Wicklewood 30 May 1653. 2nd wife. = Thomas Kett. Born about 1605; succeeded to land in Wymondham Regis Manor. Will dated 6 Jan. 1680, of Wicklewood, gent.; bur. there 19 Jan.
    - Elizabeth. Born 1636; died 1663.
    - Ann. Born 1641.
    - Susannah. Born 1638; mar. Edward Mayes of Norwich, grocer.
    - Thomas. Bapt. at Wicklewood 23 March 1638.
    - Richard Kett. Bapt. 1643; lord of the Manor of Wicklewood; bur. at Wicklewood 23 Sept. 1676, gent.
      - Richard Bur. at Wicklewood 12 Feb. 1670.
      - Frances. Born 1672; died 1672.
      - Mary. Dau. and coheir, born 1669; mar. Henry Eglinton of Bawdswell, gent.; died 11 Nov. 1741.
      - Elizabeth. Dau. and coheir, born 1674; died 1718. = Peter Par Swanton gent., die
        - Matthew Southgate of Swanton Morley, gent. = Frances. Dau. and coheir, died 1775, aged 67.
        - Mary. Dau. and coheir, bapt. 1710; died 1774. = Henry Daveney. Of Colton, gent., died 1752. 1st husband. = John Vincent of Colton. 2nd husband.
          - Elizabet Bapt. 1743; died 1826. 2nd wif
  - Susan, sister and heir of Henry Meene; mar. 1634; bur. at Wicklewood 20 Aug. 1646. 1st wife. = Alice, dau. and heir of Robert Le Neve of Norwich; mar. 1665; died 6 Sept. 1691. M.I. Ringland. 3rd wife.
    - Henry Le Neve, gent., of Witchingham. 1st husband. = Henry Kett. Born *circa* 1608. Will dated 5 July 1643, of London; proved 4 Aug. 1645.
- Alice, his wife, 1573.
- Terry. Mar. John Nevell of Wymondham, yeoman.
- Catherine. Mar. Richard Dade of Shaddingfield, co. Suffolk, gent.
- Thomas Knyght *a* Born 1535; admitte in Wymondham Abt with his father. W 1 June 1612, "Wym yeoman; proved 24

EE IV.

O. NORFOLK, 1500—1676.

lias KETT.=Margery.
(See p. 31.)

Thomas Knight *alias* Kett.=Agnes, his wife, 1534, had "Stabberds"=Stephen Verdon. Will dated
Wymondham Abbey Manor with his in Wymondham as jointure. Will 22 Oct. 1566, of Wymond-
in Wymondham 1545. Will dated dated 1 May 1573; proved 6 July. ham; proved 18 March 1572-3.
an"; proved 19 Dec. 2nd husband.

Kett.=Frances, sister of Stephen Mayde of Wymondham, his wife, 1574; bur. at Wymondham 31 Oct. 1622.
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anor
lated
am,"

Robert=Ann=Robert Barrett of Wymondham. 2nd husband.
Courould (or Corolde) of Wymondham, died 1585. 1st husband.

Barbara. Mar. Loy Agas of Wymondham, yeoman. (See PEDIGREE V.)

Adam Knight *alias* Kett. Born about 1540; mar. Elizabeth. (See PEDIGREE VI.)

Francis Knyght *alias* Kett. Born about 1547.

lias Kett.=Elizabeth, his wife, 1611 and 1635; bur. at Wicklewood 6 Jan. 1647.
Thomas; 53, gent. Manor in .

Terry. Bur. at Wicklewood 26 Aug. 1574.

Alice. Living 1566.

Joan. Wife of John Sparke, 1605.

Frances. Living 1580.

Stephen Kett. Born about 1576, of Wymondham, grocer; died 1647. (See PEDIGREE V.)

John Kett. Born about 1578; living 1580.

Philip Kett.=Margaret, his wife, 1649 and 1651.
n about 1610; of blin 1642; mar. ly Elizabeth, dau. Robert Tite of nton, gent.

Judith. His wife, 1643; mar. Arthur Dove of Eye, co. Suffolk, gent., 1636.

. . ., mar. . . . . Tite 1643.

Thomas=Mary, born 1606; died 1676.=Antony Barry of Syleham, co. Suffolk, gent., died 1679. 2nd husband.
Cooke of Denton. 1st husband.

=Frances, dau. of Christ. Smith of Laxfield, co. Suffolk; died 1656. 1st wife.

er.
1646; mar. ; bur. at lswell 1727.

Elizabeth. Bapt. at Wicklewood 20 Sept. 1649; bur. there 2 March 1668.

Mary. Bapt. 3 June 1651.

Christ. Barry.=Elizabeth.
Of Syleham, gent., died 1701.
Dau. and heir of John Swaine; died 1682.

of
y,
.

Christopher Baylie.=Elizabeth.
Of Redenhall, gent., lord of the Manor of Wicklewood, died 1753, aged 78.
Dau. of Martin Jubbs of Wicklewood, gent.; died 1756, aged 79.

John Baylie.=Margaret.
Of Harleston, co. Norfolk.
Bapt. 1673.

John Backler.=Rev. Thos. George.
East Lexham, gent., r. 1768. 3rd husband.
Rector of W. Lexham. 4th husband.

Rev. Martin Baylie.=Eleanor.
Rector of Kelsale, co. Suffolk, died 1770.
Dau. of Samuel Pugh; died 1747.

illiam Kett.
Kelsale, gent. M.I. Woodbridge, co. Suffolk, 1820, aged 92. (See PEDIGREE II.)

PED

KETT OF WYMONDHAM AND

THOMAS I
Of Wymondha

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Of Wymon

Of Wymondham 1

Achievement in Mautby Church on monument to George Cross, gent., died 1770; grandson of Geo. Kett of Wymondham, died 1722.

Richard Kett. Of Wicklewood, died 1653. (See PEDIGREE IV.)

Ann.= Dau. of Loy Agas of Wymondham by Barbara, dau. of Thomas Kett and Agnes his wife. 1st wife. (See PEDIGREE IV.)

Bu 27 2n

Stephen Kett. Born about 1605, son and heir. Will dated 11 July 1655, of Wymondham; bur. there 27 Aug., unmar.

Ann=Francis Proctor of Wymondham, butcher, 1658.

Ma Dill mo

Elizabeth.=Thomas Cross of Wymondham, died 1687.

William Proctor. Of Caius Coll., Camb., curate of Wymondham 1667.

Stephen Kett. Bapt. 1642; eldest son and heir to his uncle Stephen 1655; of Wymondham, yeoman, 1665; bur. there 28 May 1670.

Thomas. Bapt. 1644; bur. at Wymondham 16 March 1655-6.

Mary Youngs,=John K mar. at Yarmouth 1668. 1st wife.

Bapt. Will d butche M.I. Y

John Crosse.=Rachel. Will dated 1717, of Crownthorpe.

Francis= Cross. Of Acle, died 1720.

Sarah. Dau. of George Kett of Wymondham; died 1747.

=Nicholas Coates of Acle, gent. 2nd husband.

Ann. Mar. 1690 George Kett of Wymondham, his 2nd wife.

Born about 1670 dated 30 Aug. ham, surgeon; b

Sarah.=George Kett. Born 1708. Mar. at Wymondham 1730; bur. there 1759.

George Cross.=Catherine, dau. of Arthur Womack of Mautby Hall, gent.; died 1780. Born 1701, of Gorleston, co. Suffolk, gent.; died 1770. M.I. Mautby.*

John Kett.=Sarah, his wife, 1742; bur. at Wymondham 6 April 1784. Bapt. at Wymondham 1700; bur. there 25 June 1742. Will dated 19 June 1742, of Wymondham, surgeon.

Samu Bapt. bur. mondi Dec. 1

William Cross.=Ann Davy, born 3 Jan. 1752; died 1831. Born 1732, of Gorleston, gent.; mar. 1773; died 1826.

Edward Cross.=Deborah, dau. of John Diggons of Rockland Hall, co. Norf. Born 1776; died 1811. M.I. Gorleston.

George Cross. Of Yarmouth, merchant, mar. Jane, dau. of Cæsar Thomas Gooch of Diss, gent.; died 1822. M.I. Diss.

Sarah. Bur. 1725.

— Susannah. Born 1728; died 1728.

Elizabeth. Bapt. 1726; living 1742.

— Sarah. Bapt. 1726; living 1742.

Born 1 died 17

— Born 1 died 17

William Edward Cross.=Susanna Frances, dau. of John Wilson of Gorleston. Born 1807, of Broome House; died 1888 at Gorleston.

Rosa. Mar. 1870 Charles Arthur Campling.

* Arms on his tombstone are: *Quarterly per fess indented, in the first quarter a lion passant guardant, impaling a lion rampant.* (Womack.)

GREE V.

ARMOUTH, CO. NORFOLK, 1576—1807.

YGHT *alias* Kett. = Margery.
1460—1536.

s Knyght *alias* Kett. = Agnes.
m 1500—1553.

Thomas Knight *alias* Kett. = Frances.
—1612. (See PEDIGREE IV.)

Sarah. = t Wymondham Feb. 1617-18. ife.

Stephen Kett. = Born about 1576; took up land in Wymondham Queen's Manor with his father; surrendered same 1626 to his brother Richard Kett of Wicklewood. He was of Wymondham, grocer, 1620; bur. there 1647.

Margaret. = Bur. at Wymondham 22 Oct. 1639. 3rd wife.

Ann. = Bur. at Wymondham 1666. 4th wife.

Mary. Robert of Wymondham.

Sarah. Bapt. 1616.

Thomas Kett. = Ann.
Bapt. 1620; of Wymondham, grocer, 1655; bur. there 1697, yeoman.
Dau. of William Burrell of Wymondham; mar. at Cringleford 1641; bur. at Wymondham 1678.

Robert. Bapt. 1628.

Dec. 1646; died 1710, aged 66. 16 Nov. 1710, of Yarmouth, proved 17 Jan. 1710-11. outh.

= Susannah Smith, mar. at Yarmouth 1674. 2nd wife.

William. Bapt. 1646; twin with John, living 1655.

Dorothy. Bapt. 1649; bur. 1671.

George Kett. Bapt. 1650; living 1655.
— Robert. Born 1653; bur. 1656.

Richard Kett. Born 1651; bur. 1674.

Margaret. Born 1662; bur. 1663.
— Ann, bur. 1677.

John Kett. = Mary Clark, mar. at Yarmouth 1699; bur at Wymondham 5 March 1753, aged 85.
lest son. Will 4, of Wymondthere 4 Nov.

Mary. = ... = ...
Living 1736.
Fish. 1st husband.
Peacock. 2nd husband.

Christopher Kett. Will dated 26 April 1726, of Yarmouth, tallow chandler; proved 6 June 1735.

Thomas Kett. = ...
Admitted freeman of Yarmouth 1687, mariner.

ett. = Frances Woodbine, mar. at Wymondham 1725.
2; Vy- 16 .

Bapt. 1707; died 1739, aged 39; mar. Judith, dau. of Francis Hicks of Watton, grocer. Will dated 20 April 1738, of Watton, surgeon.

William Kett. M.I. Watton.

Susannah. Born 1711; mar. 1731 John Fenn.

Mary, born 1714; living 1724.

William Kett. = Sarah Meadows of Yarmouth, mar. at Filby 1714.
Will dated 30 Oct. 1729, of Yarmouth, sailmaker; proved 3 April 1730.

John Kett, living 1710.

. ; .

Mary. Bapt. 1726.
— Susannah. Bapt. 1728; bur. 1729.

William Kett. = Elizabeth, dau. of Thos. Davy of Yarmouth, mariner; died 1746, aged 33.
Of Yarmouth, sailmaker, M.I. there; died 1792, aged 77, s.p.

Matthew Kett. Of Yarmouth, gent., M.I. there; died 1791, aged 74, s.p. Mar. Joanna, died 1795, aged 74.†

Thomas Kett. Of Yarmouth, rope-maker, 1777; mar. Ruth, living a widow 1792.

Sarah, wife of Benjamin Watson of Yarmouth.

Thomas Kett. = Elenor, died 1832, aged 82.
Of Yarmouth, twine-spinner, M.I. there; died 1812, aged 67.

William Kett. Of Yarmouth, sail-maker, 1790.

William Kett. Of Yarmouth, draper, 1807.

Sarah. Living 1791.

† On the monument to Matthew Kett are these arms: *On a fesse between three leopards' faces a lion passant guardant.*

PEDIG

KETT OF WYMONDHAM

ADAM KNIG
Of Wymondham 1577. (S

Margaret. = Step
1st wife. | Of Wymond

Thomas Kett. = E
Of Morley 1616—1665.

Jacob
Of Wymondham 1660—

Of Wymondha

Esau Kett. Died 1791.

John Kett. Of Wymondham.

Jacob Kett. Of Wymondham.

Robert Kett. Died 1784.

Roger Kett. = Elizabeth Cornwe
Bapt. at Wymondham 1740; bur. there 8 May 1800. | Mar. at Wymond
Bur. at Wymondh

Jacob Kett. = Mary Fickling.
Bapt. 1768. | Mar. at Wymondham 1801.

George Kett. = Catherine Poti
Bapt. 1771, of Suton in Wymondham; mar. 1799. | died 1848, age

Jacob. Bapt. 1802; bur. 1803.

Francis Elizabeth. Bur. 1806.

Susannah. Bapt. 1807.

William Kett. = Elizabeth Crane of Wymondham, mar. 1825; died 1877, aged 72.
Born 1801, of Suton in Wymondham; died 1865.

Esau. Bapt. 1829.

George. Bapt. 1835.

William. Bapt. 1835.

Elizabeth. Bapt. 1827.

Barbary. Bapt. 1835.

Hannah. Bapt. 1836.

George Kett. = Catherine, only dau. of Robert and Catherine August; born 9 Aug. 1834 at Wicklewood; mar. at St. Stephen the Martyr, Marylebone, 15 Dec. 1859; died at Cambridge 5 Aug. 1907.
Born at Wymondham 4 June 1836, of Cambridge; J.P., Alderman, and thrice Mayor of Cambridge, 1891-92, 1898-99, 1901-2.

Joanna. = Frederick William Talbot of Cambridge.
Born at Norwich 1838; mar. 1860.

Edmund Kett. = Elizabeth Cooke of Cambridge.
Born at Norwich 1840. | Born a 1843; n

Evelyn Joanna. Born 1861.

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Edith Isabel. Born 1863.

Frederick William. Born 1865; died 1865.

—

Frederick George. Born 1867.

Ellen Talbot. Born 1870.

Edmund Lincoln Kett.

—

Elizabeth Mary. Born 1868.

George Robert Kett. = Elizabeth Evans Ann Mary, only dau. of Thomas John Coles of London; born 1860.
Of Cambridge, born 1860; mar. 1884 at St. Mary's, Bryanston Square, London, W.

Edmund Joseph Kett. = Anna Elizabeth. Eldest dau. of John Marsh of Cherry Hinton, co. Cambs.
Born at Cambridge 1862; mar. at Cherry Hinton 1886. | Bo 18 bu

George Kett. Born at Cambridge 1891.

Catherine Elizabeth. = Rev. William Vivian Davies, youngest son of Dr. Davies of Llanelly, S. Wales; born 1876.
Born at Norwich 1885; mar. 1909 at All Saints', Cambridge.

Hilda Mary. = John Berry Walford, only son of James Berry Walford of The Chapel, Abergavenny, Mon.
Born 1887 at Cambridge; mar. 1910 at All Saints', Cambridge.

Anna Mars
Born 1887
mar. 1913
St. Paul's,
Cambridge.

EE VI.

D CAMBRIDGE, 1698—1913.

alias KETT.=Elizabeth.
EDIGREE IV.) Died 1634.

Kett. =Ann.
1580—1652. 2nd wife.

beth.

tt.=Mary Cliffon.
19.

Esau Kett.=Mary.
1698—1780.

1765, both single.
1775.

Mary.
Bapt. 1725; mar.
. . . . Copping.

Sarah.=
Bapt. 1732.

John Rivett.
Mar. at Wymondham Feb. 1751-2.
1st husband.

=Henry Tuttle,
living 1780.
2nd husband.

Dorcas.
Bapt. 1730.

of Morley St. Peter,
.

Ann.=Jeremiah Wiffen.
Bapt. 1773. Mar. at Wymondham 1804.

Mary.=Antony Bunn.
Bapt. 1766. Mar. 1792 at Wymondham.

Thomas.
Born 1803;
died 1803.
—
Asa.
Born 1806;
died 1806.

George Kett.=Sarah, dau. of
Of Wymondham, Edmund Lincoln
born 1809; died of Wymondham;
at Cambridge born 1809; mar.
1872. 1835; died at
Cambridge 1885.

Eliza.
Born 1800;
died 1806.
—
Barbara.
Born 1814;
died 1818.

Jacob Kett.=Maria Church.
Bapt. 1811. Mar. at Wymondham
1830.

Alfred.
Born 1832.

John.
Born 1834.

Esau.
Bapt. 1812;
bur. 1813.

Mary Ann.

William Kett.=Harriet Ann, dau. of
Norwich 27 May Joseph Hart of Cam-
at Holbeach 1868. bridge; born 1843.

Alfred Kett.=Harriett Lucy
Born at Norwich 27 May Hutt of Cam-
1843; mar. 1868. bridge.

Susannah.
Born at West-
minster 1846.

Frederick James.
Born at Cam-
bridge 1848.

th Constance.
n 1870.
—
trude Miriam.
n 1872.

Ethel Winifred.
Born 1875;
mar. Frederick
Bilton.

Alfred William Kett.
Born 1869.
—
Ernest Edward Kett.

Emily Lucy.
Born 1873; mar.
—
Lucy Emily.
Born 1873.

Ada Elizabeth.
Born 1875.
—
Mabel Susannah.
Born 1878.

Harold George
Kett.
Born 1882;
mar.

Catherine Sarah.=Reginald John Roberts,=Alice Caroline.
863 (Cambridge); mar. M.B., elder son of the Born at Cambridge
died at Lowestoft 1894; Rev. R. Joliffe Roberts 1865; mar. at
Cambridge. of Holt, Norfolk. Jersey 1896.

Frederick William.=Ellen, dau. of
Born at Cambridge James Pres-
1867; mar. 1894 at ton of Cherry
Oxford. Hinton.

Maud Mary.
Born at Cam-
bridge 1868.

Herbert
Cole.

Edmund
August
Kett.
Born
1893.

Reginald George Haselwood
Roberts, born 1892; died
1897 at Lowestoft.

Gerald Kett Roberts, R.N.
Born at Lowestoft 1894; died
at Royal Naval College, Dart-
mouth, 1909.

Peter Harley Haselwood
Roberts, R.N., born at
London 1899.

PEDIGREE

KETT OF MATTISHALL, NORWICH

Margaret.= Bur. at Wymondham 23 Nov. 1618. 1st wife.

STEPHEN KETT. Born about 1580; admitted to land in Gri 1632; of Wymondham, butcher; died 165

Edward Kett.= Bapt. 1620; bur. at Wymondham 24 March 1701-2. Will dated 27 March 1698, of Mattishall, "yeoman."

Elizabeth, widow of William Moore of Wymondham; bur. there 5 June 1697.

Esau Kett.= Bapt. 30 Dec. 1621; admitted to Caius College, Cambridge, 1639; Vicar of Wicklewood; Rector of Crownthorpe; bur. there 10 July 1688. Will dated 3 June 1687.

Ann, sister and coh of Richard Wrigl mar. 1654 at Peter's, Norwich; b 7 Aug. 1671 at Wi lewood.

Edward. Bapt. at Wymondham 1659; bur. 1663.

Edward. Bapt. at Wymondham 1663; bur. 1666.

Ann. Bapt. 1655; bur. 1671.

Stephen Kett. Bapt. 1660; dead 1698. Mar. . . . .

Elizabeth, living 1698.

Elizabeth. Bapt. 1656; executrix of father 1687.

Richard Ket Mar. Margaret We 1677. Will dated 2 Oct. 1680, of Trows blacksmith: proved 28 May 1686.

Josiah. Died 1704.

—

Richard. Died 1735.

—

Elizabeth. Died 1704.

Rachel. Born 1706; mar. Nathaniel Springall of Norwich, weaver.

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Elizabeth. Born 1718; mar. John Gurney of Earlham.

Sarah. Born 1715; mar. . . . . Aggs.

Henry Kett.= Born 1708, son and heir; died Dec. 1772. Will dated 22 March 1769, of Norwich, "wool-comber."

Anna Maria, dau. of George Phillips of Stoke Ferry; died 3 Sept. 1789. Will dated 8 Feb. 1781, of Norwich, widow.

Thomas Kett.= Born 1709. Will dated 16 May 1768, of Norwich, "merchant"; proved 1 Dec. 1774.

Anna Maria. Died 1736.

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Richard. Died 1735.

Richard. Died 1738.

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Richard. Died 1740.

Elizabeth. Born 1743; died 1752.

—

Henry. Born 1744; died 1753.

Lucy.= Dau. of John Gurney of Norwich; mar. July 1776; died 4 Dec. 1776. 1st wife.

Thomas Kett. Born 1746, of Norwich, banker; 1796 of Seething, esq.; died 1820.

Hannah. Dau. of Samuel Gurney; mar. 1780. 2nd wife.

Henry Kett. Living 1771.

George Samuel Kett. Born 1783, of Brooke and Seething, esq.; died s.p. 1871.

Sister and coheir, born 178

Henry Kett Kett-Tompson. Of Witchingham Hall, co. Norfolk, J.P., died s.p.

Sister an

Henry.= 4th Viscount Canterbury, born 1839; of Seething 1912.

Amy Rachel, dau. of Hon. Fred. Walpole, M.P.

Graham Henry Edward Manners-Sutton.= Born 1843; died 1888.

VII.

ND SEETHING, 1580—1871.

Arms granted 26 August 1872 to Henry Kett Kett-Thompson of Witchingham Hall, co. Norf., J.P.

ugh = Ann. Dau. of John Castleton of Wymondham, attorney; bur. at Wymondham 28 May 1666. 2nd wife.

- Jacob. Bapt. 1623; bur. 1623.
- — Jacob. Bapt. 1624.
- Robert Kett. Bapt. 1626. Will dated 7 Jan. 1680, of Mattishall Bergh, "plowright"; proved 25 Oct.; mar. Ann (his widow 1680). =
- Henry Kett. Bapt. 1633, of Easton; died 1681. = Sarah Baker of Great Melton, mar. 1665.

. . . ., dau., mar. . . . . Barford. — Alice. Living 1680.

- Rachel Tyrell. = Of Hardwick, born 1681; mar. at Tivetshall 1702; died 1720. 1st wife.
- Richard Kett. = Martha. Born 1672, of St. Peter-mancroft, Norwich. Will dated 28 Feb. 1732, of Norwich, wool-comber; proved 6 Oct. 1740. Dau. of Jacob Flierden of Rotterdam and Lynn, merchant. Will dated 1771.
- Edward Kett. Admitted freeman of Norwich 1704, cordwainer. Will dated 17 Nov. 1743; proved 13 Dec. 1745. Mar. . . . .

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- Hannah. Born 1717; mar. John Ellington of Norwich.
- Martha. Born 1729; mar. Edmund Gurney of Norwich.
- Benjamin Kett. Of Heigham, tanner, 1768; mar. Mary.
- John Kett. Of St. Michael at Thorn, Norwich, butcher, 1768. Mar. . . . .
- Edward Kett. Mar. Catherine. Will dated 1751, of Norwich.
- Martha, mar. . . . . Lynes. — Mary.

Jenny Maria. = John Day, Rector of Horsford, ed 1777, aged 28. died 1810, aged 64.

Edward Day, Rector of Kirby Bedon, co. Norfolk, died 1875.

Rev. Thomas Nicholl. 2nd husband. = ... dau. of . . . . White of Charlton Kings, co. Glos. = Henry Kett. Born 1761; graduated at Oxford 1783; drowned at Stanwell 1825.

John. Living 1768, under age.

Anna Maria. ar. Charles Barclay.

Juliana. = Charles Tompson of Witchingham, Sister and coheir, born 1783. co. Norfolk, esq.

Georgiana. = Sir John Manners-Sutton, K.C.B., 3rd Viscount ir, mar. 1838. Canterbury; died 1877.

rlotte Laura, dau. of . Francis l'Estrange ley.

Anna Maria Georgiana. = Charles Edward Bright, C.M.G., Born 1841; living 1921, and to whom the Seething Estates descended. of Elstree, born 1829; died 1915.

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